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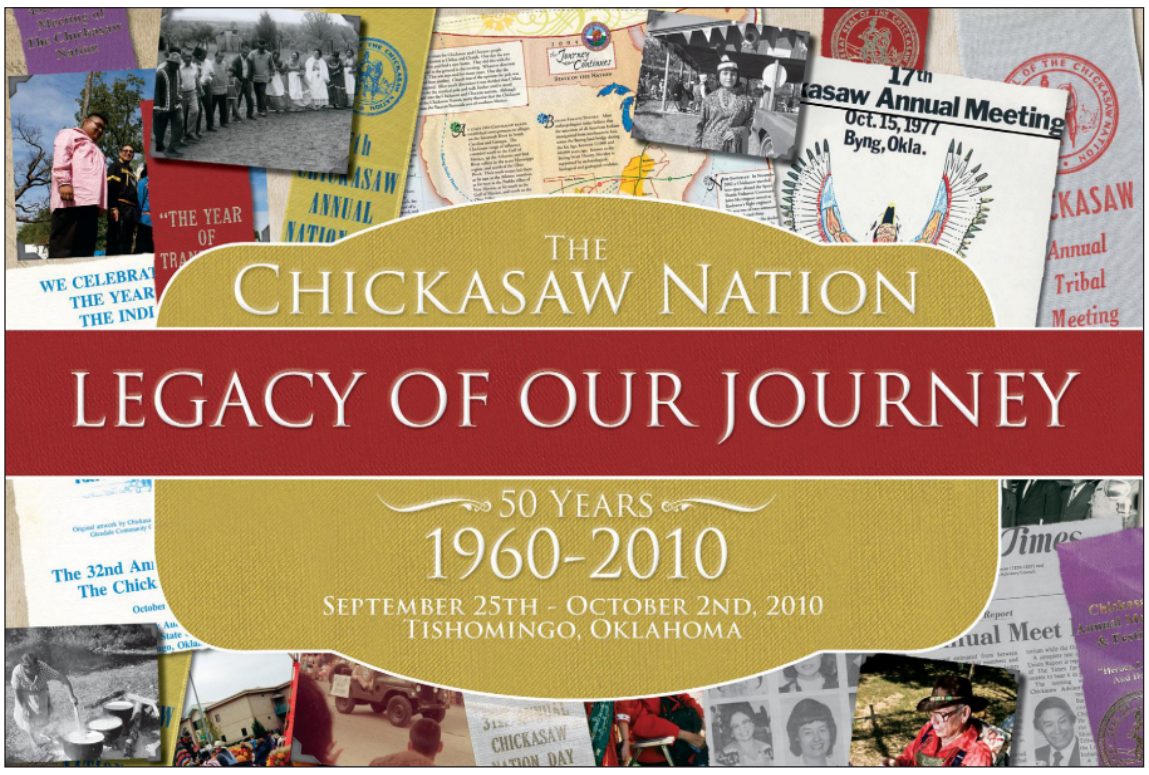

Chickasaws to celebrate 50th Annual Meeting

One half-century of progress will be celebrated during the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 22nd Annual Chickasaw Festival.

Events kick off Saturday, Sept. 25 and culminate Saturday, October 2.

The theme of this year's event, "The Legacy of our Journey" reflects the Chickasaw Nation's proud history, culture and heritage and celebrates the possibilities of tomorrow.

The event also marks the 50th anniversary of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting.

"Chickasaw people have demonstrated an unconquerable spirit throughout our historic journey," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Our ancestors and elders blazed the trail for much of the success we enjoy today. Because of that, we share a sense of pride in our culture and heritage, the courage of our convictions and aspirations to preserve that legacy for future generations."

Activities and events which celebrate Chickasaw heritage, history and customs will be featured at different venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation, including the cities of Tishomingo and Ada, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Annual Meeting

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the State of the Nation address during the 50th Annual Meeting 9 a.m., Saturday, October 2 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Immediately following Governor's address, the Festival Parade will make its way down Tishomingo's Main Street.

The Southeastern Art Show

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First baby born at new tribal medical center on August 3

The arrival of Briar Lane Ross was much anticipated.

The Chickasaw boy was the first baby born to parents Rheysa and James Ross of Ada, and he was the first baby born at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Briar, weighing 6 lbs., 8.4 ounces, was born 4:36 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3.

"It was a very special experience," Mrs. Ross said. "The staff was extremely helpful."

The new 370,000 square-foot health care facility provides many expanded services for new mothers and their children. An expanded women's health center with 14 postpartum beds, four state-of-the art labor rooms, one operation room and a full service nursery with telemedicine are features of the new hospital.

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Panola District incumbent retains seat in runoff

Panola District Seat 1 incumbent Beth Alexander, of Achille, defeated Beryl F. Sears, of Hendrix, in the Panola District legislative runoff election. Ballots were counted Aug. 31.

Beth Alexander

Beryl Sears

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder announced that Alexander received 464 votes, or 57.5%, and Sears received 342 votes, or 42.5%.

Pontotoc District legislator Mary Jo Green, Pickens District legislator Linda Briggs, Tishomingo District legislator Timothy K. Colbert and Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Mark Holmes Colbert were all re-elected in the July 27 primary.

Elected officials who will take the oath of office 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 1 include Beth Alexander, Panola District Seat 1; Mary Jo Green, Pontotoc District, Seat 1; Linda Briggs, Pickens District, Seat 3; Timothy K. Colbert, Tishomingo District Seat 2; and Mark Holmes Colbert, Supreme Court, Seat 1.

For more information, call Ms. Loder at (888) 661-0137.

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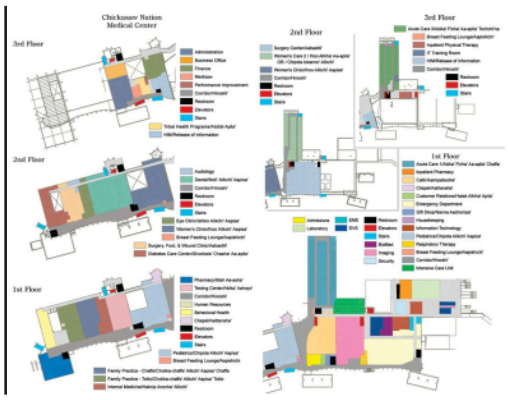

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ANNUAL MEETING AND FESTIVAL

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and Market will begin at 11 a.m. at the west Capitol grounds, and a Chickasaw Press book signing will be from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

A traditional meal will be served and a health fair will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the Murray State lawn.

A petting zoo, kids' activities and a "make-and-take tent" will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Tishomingo's Pennington Park.

Horseshoe Tournament registration begins at noon at Pennington Park, and arts and crafts and food vendors will also be located at the park from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Stickball, dance troupe and cultural demonstrations will be available on the west side of the Chickasaw Nation Capitol grounds, along with a Gospel Singing from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Chickasaw White House in Emet, Okla., will be open for tours from noon until 4 p.m.

The day will end with the Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo at the Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena, beginning at 8 p.m.

Also on Saturday, Oct. 2, the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in Sulphur, will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tours of the Chickasha Poya Exhibit Center, art exhibits, the honor garden, Chikasha Inchokka' Village and the Holisso Research Center will be conducted throughout the day.

The Chickasaw-produced movie "Pearl" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., and "Behind the Scenes" will be shown at 3:30 p.m., at the Anoli Theater. Storytelling will begin at 2:15 p.m. at the Amphitheatre at take place again at 3:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

September 25 Activities

Several activities, including the annual Junior Olympics, Golf Tournament, Traditional Corn Stalk Shoot and Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, kick-off the week-long celebration Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Junior Olympics, where little ones compete in several track and field events, begins at 9 a.m. at the Tishomingo High School Football Field. Golf Tournament registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and play begins at 9 a.m. at Dornick Hills Golf Club, Ardmore. The Corn Stalk Shoot will begin at 9 a.m. at Kullihoma Softball Field and the Softball Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at the Murray State College Sports Complex.

The Chickasaw Senior Olympics will be conducted 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. at Tishomingo's Pennington Park Saturday, Sept. 25 and the Margaret Roach Wheeler and Mike Larsen art exhibitswill be open Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Sept. 28-Oct. 1 in the Chickasaw Cultural Center Exhibit Hall.

Many exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout the Chickasaw Nation the week of the festival.

Chickasaw Museum tours, cultural demonstrations, youthful celebration, a petting zoo and kids' activities will be available from Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Tishomingo at the Capitol grounds and Pennington Park.

Princess Pageant

The Chickasaw Nation Princess Pageant will take place Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Ada Cougar Activity Center at 6 p.m. Three Chickasaw young ladies will begin their reigns as 2010-2011 Chickasaw royalty.

Arts and Cultural Awards

The annual Arts and Culture Awards will take place Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Murray State Ballroom at 6 p.m., with an artist reception/book signing immediately following the ceremony.

Cultural Evening

The annual Chickasaw Cultural Evening begins at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in Sulphur at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Tours of the exhibit gallery, a collection of Mike Larsen's portraits and Margaret Roach Wheeler designs will be on display from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Author Phil Morgan will be signing copies of "Chickasaw Renaissance" and "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" during the day in the Aatifama Room.

Honor Garden tours will be conducted from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and cultural demonstrations and children's activities will be available in the Traditional Village from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Opening Ceremony is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Kochcha' Aabinili' Amphitheater with a prayer and the traditional bell ringing prior to the evening meal.

Closing ceremony at 7:30 p.m. will feature Chickasaw and Choctaw hymns, stomp dancing and a skit performed by the Chickasaw language club.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available online at www.chickasaw.net

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

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Tour the new medical center

A special opportunity to tour the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center will be available to citizens during the 2010 Annual Meeting and Festival week.

Located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, Okla., the state-of-the-art medical center officially opened in August.

Features of the 370,000 square-foot facility include a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center, women's health center, administrative offices, and tribal health programs. A centrally located "town center" bridges the centers of patient care.

A dedication ceremony for the new 230-acre medical center was conducted July 19 with more than 1,000 tribal officials, citizens and guests in attendance.

Festival Week tours are scheduled 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27 through Friday, Oct. 1, and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2. Please call (580) 310-7958 to register for a tour.

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State of the Nation Address live online

A live video and audio stream of the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and "State of the Nation" address by Governor Bill Anoatubby will be available on the Chickasaw Nation Web site and KCNP Radio.

The 50th Annual Meeting entitled "The Legacy of Our Journey" begins at 9 a.m. Central Time, Saturday, Oct. 2. Live broadcast on KCNP Radio and the Chickasaw Nation Web site will begin at 8:30 a.m.

"We are pleased to provide Chickasaws around the world the opportunity to watch the Annual Meeting live," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This is one example of our effort to embrace technology and utilize it for the benefit of Chickasaw people."

A live Web cast can be accessed by logging on to www.chickasaw.net and clicking on the State of the Nation web stream link.

An audio broadcast can be accessed at www.kcnpradio.org .

In the Ada, Okla. area, the Annual Meeting can be heard on KCNP 89.5 FM.

The Annual Meeting is called to order at 9 a.m. Central Daylight Time, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain, 7 a.m. Pacific. The Annual Meeting will be rebroadcast at noon Central Daylight Time, 1 p.m. Eastern, 11 a.m. Mountain, 10 a.m. Pacific.

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We will come together for the 50th anniversary of Annual Meeting

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

A very special gathering is calling us all together!

September 25 through October 2 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Annual Meeting, and the 22nd Annual Chickasaw Festival. Make your plans now to attend!

The theme of our gathering this year is "The Legacy of Our Journey." Events will focus on our history and cultural heritage, and the great things that we envision for our future.

It is hard to imagine that it has now been 50 years since the very first Annual Meeting took place at Seeley Chapel. The year was 1960. The initial Annual Meeting was a one-day affair and news reports of the day estimated the crowd at "more than one hundred."

We know that now thousands of Chickasaws, friends and family travel to Tishomingo to join together, share and enjoy our traditions, as well as each other's company. How much we have grown!

In 1960, people shared a meal and had the opportunity to talk and catch up on family news. A few reports were read, and there were no formal events. These were the days when the Chickasaw Nation held itself together almost exclusively through the strength of its families, its history and the people's incredible perseverance.

Now, 50 years later, we can be very proud of what we have together accomplished during this modern era of the Chickasaw Nation. When we think back to the Seeley Chapel gathering, it is easy to imagine the Chickasaws of that day had little idea of the progress we would make together.

This 50th anniversary is truly a time to celebrate!

The festivities begin on Saturday, Sept. 25 with the Junior Olympics, Senior Olympics, golf tournament, softball tournament and corn stalk shoot.

This year's Chickasaw Cultural Evening should be a tremendous event. We will gather at our new Chickasaw Cultural Center at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27 in Sulphur. We will all enjoy tours of the facility, cultural demonstrations, artwork by renowned Chickasaw artists Mike Larsen and Margaret Roach Wheeler, and much more.

If you have never before attended the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, please put 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 28 on your calendar now! This very special event features beautiful young Chickasaw ladies vying for the opportunity to represent the tribe as Chickasaw royalty. The pageant is at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center. Don't miss it!

There is so much to do and see during the week of Chickasaw Festival.

On Saturday, Oct. 2 we will all enjoy the traditional Festival parade down Tishomingo's Main Street, preceded by the annual State of the Nation address.

The Southeastern Art Show and Market kicks off at 11 a.m. on the west grounds of the historic capitol, and there will be a Chickasaw Press book signing in the same area.

Everyone enjoys the traditional meal at 11:30, and this year will be no exception!

There will be lots of displays and opportunities for interaction at Pennington Park.

This year marks a tremendous anniversary in Chickasaw history. Make your plans now to attend the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival! I guarantee you will be glad you made the trip.

This is your personal invitation to come, enjoy and reconnect with your tribe. I look forward to seeing you this year!

Cultural Evening set for Sept. 27 at Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. - The annual Chickasaw Cultural Evening begins at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in Sulphur at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

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Festival Softball Tournaments Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 in Tish

It's time for the 2010 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival Softball Tournaments.

All tournaments are double elimination with 14-member rosters and will be held at the Johnston County Sports Complex in Tishomingo, Okla.

The Co-Ed Slow Pitch tournament is set for September 25 at 9 a.m.; $150 entry fee; the Men's Fast Pitch tournament and the Women's Fast Pitch tournament are both planned for Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. and both have a $175 entry fee.

Entry fees must be paid with cashier's check or money order and must be received by 4 p.m. Friday, September 17. Please send your team name, coach's name and telephone number along with your entry fee to the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival, P.O. Box 363, Tishomingo, OK 73460.

For additional information, please contact Kevin Tiger at (580) 222-2802 or the Chickasaw Nation Department of Special Services at (580) 371-2040 or (800) 593-3356.

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Chickasaw Princess Pageant set for Sept. 28 at Ada High School

ADA, Okla. - Three young Chickasaw ladies will begin their reigns as 2010-2011 Chickasaw royalty during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

The pageant will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center, in Ada.

Young ladies will do their best to become Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess or Little Miss Chickasaw.

The new royalty will have the honor and privilege of serving as Chickasaw Nation ambassadors at various functions and events across the country during their one-year reigns.

Chickasaw royalty for 2009-10, Chickasaw Princess Jessie Miller, Chickasaw Junior Princess Alexis Walker and Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, will make their final appearances during the ceremony.

Princess Pageant participants will judged on traditional Chickasaw dress, random questioning, talent and poise.

The winners will be selected by a panel of judges and crowned by Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. The new princesses will receive a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years.

The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of Chickasaw Nation Governor Emeritus Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

All royalty participants are required to be residents of the Chickasaw Nation and have a minimum one-quarter Chickasaw blood quantum, submit an essay, three letters of reference from non-relatives plus a 5x7 self-portrait. For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, call (580) 272-7710, or email @chickasaw.net.

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Fluent Chickasaw speakers gather to promote use of our language

Sam Johnson speaks Chickasaw as he shares a personal story about his grandfather during the Chikashsha Anompa Alhiha Hoittifama (Gathering of Chickasaw Speakers) Aug. 17 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Okla. Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. - Several fluent Chickasaw speakers gathered at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Aug. 17 to share stories and personal experience during the Chikashsha Anompa Alhiha Hoittifama (Gathering of Chickasaw Speakers).

Fluent Speaker Day is an opportunity for Chickasaw speakers to get together and speak the language, according to Josh Hinson, director of the Department of Chickasaw Language and the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program.

"Often times they are isolated as they may be the only speaker in their family or neighborhood," Mr. Hinson said.

The semi-annual event also encourages participation from people who are learning the language or are interested in learning it.

"Language is the key that unlocks all the things about Chickasaw culture," Mr. Hinson said. "Without knowing your language, it is difficult to access the other parts of our history and culture."

Chickasaw elder Sam Johnson said he hadn't used Chickasaw language for 55 years and had started forgetting many pronunciations. But after participating in many gatherings of the Chickasaw speakers, "it is all coming back."

"Now it is easier for me to speak Chickasaw just as well as English," the 81-year-old from Wewoka, Okla., said.

Virginia Bolen said she not only got to practice her Chickasaw at the gathering, but also got to learn new Chickasaw words from other fluent speakers.

The 70-year-old Ada native also encouraged citizens to take advantage of the tribal resources and programs to learn Chickasaw.

A broad range of language services like community language study groups, Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children's Chickasaw Language Club) group, language presentations and training, language translation, archival, curriculum, resource materials and many more are available through the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program.

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5315.

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From left, Emma McLeod, Phyllis Lattie, Rose Jefferson and Sam Johnson at Fluent Speaker Day.

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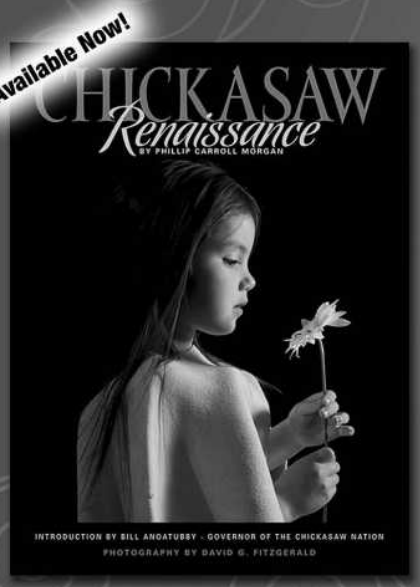

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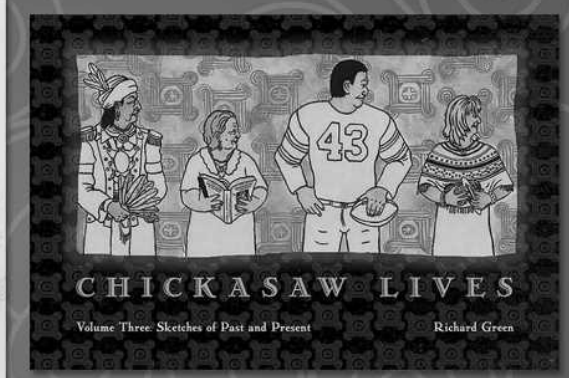

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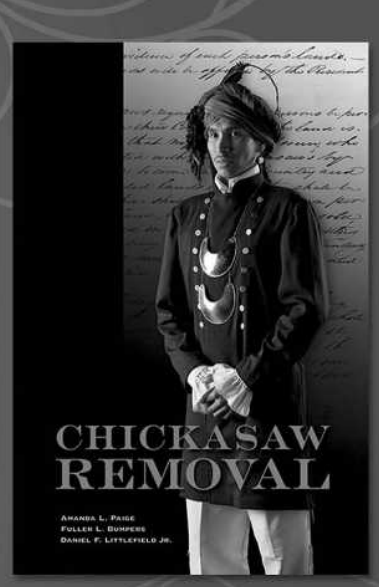

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Sports connection helps kids discover, use Chickasaw language

Alexis Cardinallede, 8, reviews Chickasaw words at the beginning of the Language Sports Camp Aug. 5 in Tishomingo, Okla. Mike McKee

The Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture used a "unique and novel" combination of sports and language immersion to educate youth during the third annual Himitta Alhiha' Hoochokoshkomo (The Youth Are Playing) Language Sports Camp. The camp was Aug. 5 – 7 in Tishomingo, Ardmore and Marlow, Okla.

"This is an effective way to teach kids language," said Josh Hinson, director of the Department of Chickasaw Language and the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program. "They are having so much fun and they learn the language without even knowing it. They just pick it up."

At the camp, 25 Chickasaw students, grades one through six, participated in various sports, including stickball, baseball, soccer and basketball as well as learned to halhabi (kick) a soccer ball, yokli (catch) a basketball and many more.

Chickasaw was spoken during the entire camp, encouraging participants to learn and use basic sports and team-related phrases and words.

Nine-year-old Jake Holt, of Tishomingo, was at the camp for the first time this year.

"I think it will be fun," he said of the camp as he reviewed the Chickasaw words before a baseball game.

The camp is one of the many language programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation to the youth in an effort to revitalize and preserve the native language.

For more information on future camps or other language programs, visit www.chickasaw.net or contact the Chickasaw Language Program at (580) 272-5315.

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Elders' Day set for Sept. 10

Chickasaw Nation Elders' Day is set for Friday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Ada Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi.

Elders' Day honors tribal elders and provides them with opportunities to share their knowledge about Chickasaw culture and traditions.

The event will also feature presentation by children from Chipota Chikashshanompoli' (Children's Chickasaw Language Club).

The event is sponsored by the Cultural Resources Department of the tribal Division of History and Culture. For more information, contact the department at (580) 332-8685.

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Chickasaw veterans can register for Veterans Day trip to D.C.

Application deadline for the 2010 Chickasaw elder veterans' trip to Washington, D.C., is Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The trip is scheduled for Nov. 9 -13. This unique event allows Chickasaw veterans to spend Veterans Day at the site of most of the nation's monuments to veterans.

Chickasaw citizens, who are 60 years of age or older and veteran, are eligible to apply.

All applicants must submit completed form #762R. The form can be obtained at www.chickasaw.net or by calling the Division on Aging office at 580-795-9790.

All applicants will be included in a random drawing.

For more information, please contact Stacy Wesberry at 580-795-9790.

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Colbert Reunion set for Sept. 10

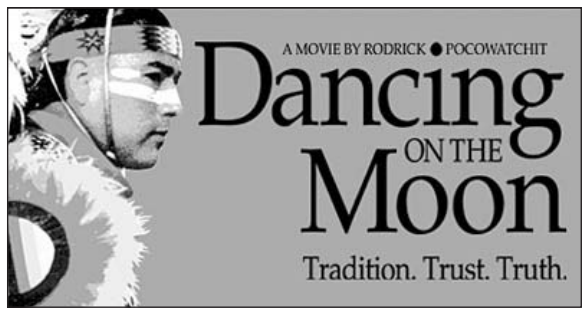
The Colbert Reunion is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in Tuscumbia, Ala.

The Walk will be Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. The Tuscumbia Trolley will be available to take people to the landing site at 8:30 a.m., leaving from Spring Park.

A tour of Tuscumbia Landing can be arranged by contacting Annie Cooper or Gail King.

For more information contact Annie Cooper at Annrunningwater@aol.com or call (256) 381-0700.

'Dancing' at the McSwain Sept. 9



"Dancing on the Moon," a story of three Native American friends on their way to powwow, will be shown 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla.

The film is presented by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities as part of the Holba' Kana'li Film Series.

Directed by Rodrick Pocowatchit of Pawnee, Shawnee and Comanche tribes, the movie portrays the emotional and physical setbacks the three friends experience during their journey.

"Dancing on the Moon" was developed with the assistance of the Sundance Institute, through its screenwriting labs and Native Initiative Program in 2002.

The movie has screened at several film festivals across United States as well as in Canada, Italy and the Netherlands.

It has also received several awards including the Special Jury Prize for Promising Newcomer for Mr. Pocowatchit at the 2003 American Indian Festival in San Francisco, Calif., Best Lead Actor in a Film for Guy Ray Pocowatchit at the 2004 American Indian L.A. Films and TV Awards in Hollywood, Calif., and Best Narrative Feature and Audience Award at the 2004 Kansas International Film Festival in Overland Park, Kansas. For more information, please visit http://www.harmyfilms.com/dancingpage.html.

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door or can be ordered at www.mcswaintheatre.com. The theatre is located at 130 W. Main.

The Holba' Kana'li Film Series showcases Native American-made independent films that address the issues of Native American and Indigenous peoples.

For more information, please contact James Wallace at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaws across the country have great stories

In August I had the opportunity to visit with several Chickasaw citizens by phone, via email and in person. Thank you for the wonderful stories. Over the next few months I will be sharing some of those stories.

Mr. Joshua Gray is one of our Panola District members. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee, Ellen Ward. Josh is the oldest son of Eugene and Pamela Gray of Virginia Beach, VA. As a youngster, Josh was highly involved not only in Boy Scouts where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout by the age of 13, but he also received his 4th degree black belt in karate. In later years, he served a full time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Los Angeles, CA. area and has the distinction of having served our country in the United States Air Force.

Joshua Gray

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

After graduating Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA) from Tidewater Community College with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, he will continue his education at Old Dominion University this fall to pursue a Bachelors Degree of Fine Arts in acting. Josh has been performing on stage since the age of five and has appeared in The Bureau, It's Supernatural, and the 700 Club. Recently, he starred in a show of Investigation Discovery called Wicked Attraction. Joshua says, "I am very interested in learning more about my Tribe, my ancestors and taking an active role in Tribal affairs. My dream is to become an accomplished entertainer because I enjoy making people laugh, think, and be inspired."

I would say he is well on his way to making his dreams come true!

*All four of Mr. and Mrs. Gray's children attend college and are proud to be part of the Chickasaw Nation Education program. If you have a family member interested in attending college, vo-tech, or specialized training, contact our Education Department to learn about funding opportunities (580) 421-7711.

Another interesting call I received from the state of Virginia was from Carole. She too is new to the Tribal family and expressed an interest in learning more about her ancestors and the common connection we share by Rhoda Gunn Potts. Carole also mentioned the name Keirsey. If you are from the same ancestors please contact me.

Since this month's article was about Chickasaw citizens, I must not forget to send Birthday wishes to a very special lady, Mrs. Juanita Keel Tate. Earlier this month, Mrs. Tate was the honored guest at her 100th birthday party. She has provided me with a wealth of information on Chickasaw history/ genealogy and regularly calls to offer me encouragement. Happy Birthday Cousin!

Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise.Eph.5:15

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New health care facilities set for Ardmore, Tish

What's next for Healthcare in the Chickasaw Nation?

Now that construction on the new Medical Center is complete and the ribbon cutting is behind us, plans are being finalized for the next healthcare projects within the Chickasaw Nation.

In Ardmore, the renovations on the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic are well under way with plans for an adjoining facility being laid out. The new addition will be adjacent to the existing building and ground breaking should begin in November 2010.

The Chickasaw Nation was selected to participate in the Indian Health Services Joint Venture Construction Program which will let the Nation benefit from IHS resources to operate the newly built clinic.

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Due to the increasing outpatient healthcare needs of the Indian citizens, the Ardmore Clinic was not capable of providing adequate health services in the existing building. With a completion date of July 2012, the total cost of renovation and expansion will be approximately $32,400,000.00 In addition to a new facility; the Nation expects to fill approximately 60 new positions in the clinic.

In Tishomingo, plans are being finalized for a new clinic to be built there also.

The project is to build a new health center facility to replace the existing clinic. The facility will be approximately 54,175 square feet and will include expanded ambulatory medical care services, laboratory services, diagnostic imaging, dental services, and behavioral health services. The building will be located on the site of the current facility grounds. The estimated cost for the new facility will be $25,944,000.00. The Tishomingo project is also an IHS Joint Venture Construction Program project and will receive additional funding and should be completed in January 2013.

New providers have joined the medical staff. Carol Rhoades, CRNA has been in practice for 13 years. She is board certified and will be working in the Anesthesia department. Nani Parsons, PA-C is board certified and will be working in the Same Day Clinic in Ada.

Statistics for the month of July 2010 were Internal Medicine 526 patients. Emergency room patients 1,132, Pediatric patients 1089, Same Day Clinic patients were 2530, and Family Practice including the satellite clinics were 3946 patients.

There were 45 deliveries in July with 214 general surgeries performed and 435 general surgery visits.

Thank you, and hope everyone had a great summer.

Connie Barker
Legislator Pickens District Seat 2

We hope to see you at Festival, Annual Meeting

Hello, Everybody!

It is my hope that you are managing to stay comfortable in spite of the summer heat - if you live in the part of our world that is hot! If you live in cooler climes, then enjoy and think of all those of us who are here in Oklahoma!

Always a lot of exciting activities - Most recently the magnificent Hall of Fame banquet. It seems to be more moving and elegant every year.

And Festival is upon us. The deadline approaches when candidates for the Princess Pageant must file their applications. This is traditionally a really enjoyable event and not one to envy the judges as a lot of talent is presented for consideration. The newly selected princesses will be introduced on the Saturday of the Governor's State of the Nation address (October 2 in Tishomingo at the Fletcher Auditorium).

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The theme for this year's Festival is "The Legacy of our Journey" and reflections will be on not only our proud history but the possibilities of our tomorrows.

Leading up to the momentous special Saturday will be many encompassing the Cultural Center, Kullihoma, the Capitol, and others. It will be a great Festival and I hope many, many of you will be fortunate enough to be in attendance.

It was my great privilege and pleasure on Saturday, the 21st of August, to attend a very special birthday - the 90th one!- of a very special lady, Mrs. Anna Lee Burkhart. She is beautiful in every way and the revered matriarch of a very special Chickasaw family. It was a grand event and I wish for her many more!

The new hospital is fully operational and in spite of the mammoth task of the move-in, reports are good. It is awesome.

Take care and Blessings to each of you.

Linda Briggs

Court Advocate services now available in Ardmore, Ada, Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

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This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,738	Pontotoc	11,349
Pickens	7,247	Tishomingo	5,078
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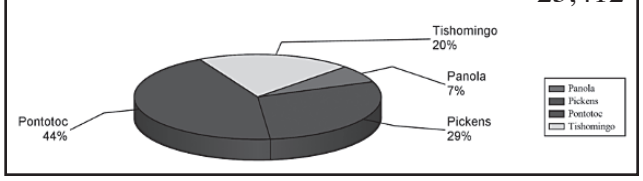

Return of fall season stirs memories of days gone by

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

Wow, it has been incredibly hot in Oklahoma lately. Hang in there, though, because fall is coming soon. Fall is my favorite time of the year. My grandpa called it Indian Summer. It is a time when the day's sun is still warm on the skin, but there is also a coolness and freshness to the air. Breezes are plentiful, slight and refreshing. Mornings are crisp and evenings come a little sooner with a little more relief from the day.

For Grandma and Grandpa, fall was a busy time. It was time to prepare for the winter. Crops were harvested, fruits and vegetables were canned, hogs and calves were slaughtered, butchered and smoked, and the thought of the impending winter caused firewood to be cut with a little great sense of urgency. While canning something, ... anything, it didn't really matter what, Grandma would encourage us by think-out-loud, rather loudly, "This'll sure taste better than a snowball this winter!"

It took all of us to get it all done. Immediate and extended families worked together, often times with neighbors and friends to get the work done. We worked hard and we worked together, children and adults, alike. That work and those times produced some of my favorite memories.

Fall was also a time for celebration. Having the good fortune to have crops to harvest, the fruits and vegetables to can, the hogs and calves to butcher and the family and friends to share the work were all reasons for celebration and reasons to work with a happy heart.

Collectively, as Chickasaws, we will have the opportunity to gather again this fall to celebrate and fellowship at the 50th Annual Chickasaw Festival. Like the Indian Summers of Grandma and Grandpa's times, much work by many dedicated employees and volunteers will be done in preparation for a great time of celebration!

The festival will again be held in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. The fun and festivities will begin September 25th and continue through October 2nd.

If at all possible, please come to the festival. The festival is always a good time to see and visit with old friends and meet and visit with new friends.

I'll be there, and I'll be looking for you. See you in Tishomingo!

Respectfully,
Katie

Programs and Services book can open a new world

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hi Everyone,

This year, we honored three new inductees into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame: Margaret Roach Wheeler, a Master Textile Artist; Colbert Franklin Hackler, a gifted violinist and teacher; and Piomingo, one of the most important pre-Removal leaders of the Chickasaw people. The event was held at the Riverwind Showplace Theater in Norman, Oklahoma. It was a fantastic evening. Everything was perfectly arranged, from the wonderful meal and beautiful table decorations to the inspiring music provided first by Injunity and then by the OK Strings. Mr. Neal McCaleb did a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies. All in all it was a wonderful way to give honor to three people, who have distinguished themselves in his or her own respective field, by leaving an indelible mark on not only the Chickasaw people, but all people in general. It was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting these inductees. We have many people in our tribe who have been successful in their own way, but more importantly, have used their talents for the benefit of others. We are indeed a very blessed people. If you were not able to attend the banquet this year, I hope you will put it on your list of things to do for next year.

On a recent event in Texas, it was my pleasure to meet many of you who were finding out for the first time about many of the programs offered for our At-Large citizens. People were amazed to find out that we had programs just for them. Over and over I was told how much they appreciated learning about these programs. Sometimes, we who live inside the boundaries of the Nation take that information for granted. I recommended to everyone that they should get a copy of the 2010 Program and Services Guide. The guide will give you a great deal of information regarding the programs available. There are two different guides, one for people living inside the Nation, and one guide for the people living At-Large. Every year the guides are updated. Most all of the information can also be found by visiting our website. If you would like more information about the guides or any of our programs, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. I love to hear from you. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

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Tribe, National Night Out work to reduce crime

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! It is with a thankful heart that I wish to express my gratitude to each of you for re-electing me to the Legislature. I am honored to be able to serve you and our beloved Nation.

It has been very hot here in Oklahoma, but the Nation has been busy. The Chickasaw Nation, East Central University and the City of Ada work together every year to sponsor a National Night Out. The event is an opportunity for the joint law enforcement departments and other entities to provide fun and information for families and especially our youth. The Chickasaw Nation provided many opportunities at the event: the Chickasaw Honor Guard opened the affair; the Lighthorse Police Department gave demonstrations with its drug dog to show what the dog can do to find hidden drugs; the award winning Chickasaw Robotics Team showed how creative our youth can be in designing, building and operating a robot; the Nation provided several other information booths and there was entertainment given by several groups. Fun was had by all!

Chickasaw Nation Head Start students started classes on August 12. It is always exciting for us to see the little ones begin their education path.

Applications for the $200 clothing grants for students pre-school through 12th grade are being accepted as of August 1. Please get your application in as early as possible. For more information and assistance, please look at the web site www.chickasaw.net or call Youth and Family Services at (580) 272-5585.

Quick facts: the Chickasaw Reading Program has 243 participants; 91 children attended summer school in June; 90% of the children provided services in the Sick Child Program are children of Nation employees. This program helps our employees stay on the job unless their children have serious illnesses.

In closing, I wish to again thank the Chickasaw voters for putting their faith and trust in me, and most of all my Savior Jesus Christ, and allowing me to continue to serve the Chickasaw people on the Tribal Legislature. May God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are!

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Leadership students attend legislature, visit Gardner Mansion

Front row from left, Legislator Nancy Elliott, Lori Barrett, Kayla Gamble, Macee Wyatt, Bailee Hatton, Devin Lyon, Autumn Underwood, Micah Hart and Legislator Katie Case. Second row from left, Legislator Mary Jo Green, Desiree' Lyon, Morgan Rutledge, Maegan Bridgeman, Kim Ross, Jared Alexander, Zack Stepps, Aaron John and Legislator Connie Barker. Back row from left, Legislator Linda Briggs, Legislator Holly Easterling, Kash Smith, Chase Horton, Caleb McDonald, Seth Tinsley, Kevin Tiger, Legislator Beth Alexander, Ashlee White and Legislator Shanna Tate Hammond.

The Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi group - Chickasaw students in the tribal youth leadership program - attended the July legislative session before leaving Ada for a trip to Gardner Mansion and Museum in Broken Bow, Okla.

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi provides Native American students with leadership opportunities and an understanding of different types of leadership.

"We wanted to allow the students to learn about all aspects of the Chickasaw Nation and to see how important decisions are made," said youth leadership coordinator Ashlee White. "Many of these students aspire to be in those legislative seats one day and serve their people."

The students were welcomed to the legislative session by Legislator Holly Easterling. Following the legislative session, the students had the opportunity to meet and greet the legislators.

"I think this was a great opportunity for us to learn about what the Chickasaw Nation is doing in the community and what new projects they are undertaking," said Desiree' Lyon, a senior from Ada, Okla.

Following the legislative session, the students left for Gardner Mansion and Museum. The museum dates back to 1884 and contains many Native American artifacts. The mansion was once home to Jefferson Gardner, who became the chief of the Choctaws.

The youth leadership program was invited to tour the museum and make a historical marker on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation. The historical marker will be placed at the museum to represent the Chickasaw people on the Trail of Tears.

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi is available to Native American students between the ages of 14-18. The students accepted into the program will be involved in a 12 month leadership series. Applications can be found at www.Chickasaw.net and are accepted year-round. For more information about this program, contact Ashlee White, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

Youth leadership coordinator Ashlee White, Devin Lyon, Zack Stepps, Micah Hart and the owner of Gardner Mansion Lewis Stiles create a historical marker.

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NYC trip opens new cultural vista to leadership students

Two dozen Chickasaw students experienced a new world of culture during a recent visit to New York.

The week-long excursion was an end-of –the year reward trip for 24 Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program students.

The Chickasaw students, ages 14 through 18, were rewarded with the July trip for participating in community projects throughout the year.

Stops included Yankee Stadium, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a Broadway play and Ground Zero.

"This trip opened my mind to all the history we have," said Paige Wilson, 18, of Glenpool Okla. "Most students just learn about history in textbooks, but I was blessed enough to have a hands-on experience. I would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for giving me such an opportunity,"

Kimberly Ross, of Tishomingo, Okla. said, "This trip to New York City has been an unbelievable experience to me. It was not only fun but also educational. Being there we saw more cultures than you could imagine. I am grateful I was able to come."

Aided by a tour guide, the first day in New York the group viewed the city from the "Top of the Rock" observatory at Rockefeller Center. The students also toured NBC Studios, and visited St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Ed Sullivan Theatre and Carnegie Hall.

At Radio City Music Hall the students met and took photos with one of the world famous Radio City Rockettes.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art was a highlight on the second day of the trip.

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Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi students and staff at the Rockefeller Center 70th floor observatory. First row, from left, Ashlee White, Desiree Lyon, Aaron John, Micah Hart, Bailee Hatton, and Shelby Parnacher. Second row, from left, Autumn Underwood, Lori Barrett, Reide Wilson, Annie Wall, Macee Wyatt, and Caleb McDonald. Third row, from left, Jeremy Cox, Catie Newport, Amber Wright, Kash Smith, Nathan Landeros, Paige Wilson, Kayla Gamble, Kevin Tiger, and Jared Alexander. Back row, from left, Maegan Bridgman, Bryan Lyon, Kim Ross, Zack Stepps, Devin Lyon, and Chase Horton.

CHIKASHA APIHCHI IKBI PROGRAM |

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"The Met is one of the world's foremost art museums, home to more than two million works of art spanning 5,000 years of world culture," Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi coordinator Ashlee White said.

Other stops the second day included Trump Towers, F.A.O. Swartz toy store and Yankee Stadium.

"Our tour guide also took us on a walking tour of Central Park where people of all social and ethnic backgrounds mingled," Ms. White said. "He gave the students information and history over different areas located inside the park including Strawberry Fields, a memorial dedicated to the late John Lennon."

The group also visited the American Museum of Natural History and Hayden Planetarium.

The third day began with an island cruise around Manhattan Island and a tour on a double decker bus.

Attractions and places of interest on the bus tour included Times Square, Madison Square Garden, Macy's, the Empire State Building, World Trade Center area, Greenwich Village, Harlem, Brooklyn and more. During this tour the students stopped to visit Columbia University.

After dinner at B.B. King's Grill, the group watched the play, "Wicked" at the historic Gershwin Theatre.

GiGi Bridgeman, of Marlow, Okla., said going to the performance of "Wicked" was inspirational.

Leadership students at Columbia University's library during the groups' end-of year- tour of New York.

"It was one of my favorite highlights of the trip," she said. "It inspired me even more to pursue my dream in acting and drama."

One the last day, a ferry boat took the group to Liberty Island, home of the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island, where more than 12 million immigrants entered the United States between 1892 and 1954.

"My favorite part of New York was Ellis Island - seeing how all of the immigrants had to come there to advance in life and to receive freedom," Catie Newport, of Ada, said. "Just walking in there you could just see how much they went through. New York will be a memory I will never forget."

The group also visited the National Museum of the American Indian, where they viewed exhibits, and took part in Native American music and dance by joining other Native American students in a friendship dance in the Great Oval of the museum.

The students also met with representatives from the Sac and Fox Nation.

The group visited Ground Zero where the World Trade Centers once stood.

"They were able to experience the silence and view the towering buildings surrounding the area," Ms. White said. "The students also visited the nearby Trinity Church that remained unfazed after the attacks on September 11, 2001."

A visit to Wall Street, Chinatown, Soho and Little Italy completed the day.

Macee Wyatt, right, and Bailee Hatton enjoy sightseeing from a double decker bus while in New York.

"My favorite part of the trip was when I first got out of the subway and actually stepped foot in the city," said Jared Alexander, 18, of Latta, Okla. "I was really amazed at how large and massive New York City is, and I really enjoyed being able to actually tour NBC, see the Statue of Liberty and being able to see many spots where movies took place."

Fourteen-year-old Chase Horton, of Ada, said he enjoyed the entire trip.

"My favorite part was getting to experience a whole other world, different languages and all the people."

The 2010-2011 Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi session begins Sept. 11 with a team building, decision making and leadership skills class.

For more information about the program, contact Ashlee White at 310-9540 or by emailing ashlee.white@chickasaw.net.

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Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi now accepting applications

The Chickasaw Nation Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) program is now accepting applications for the upcoming year.

This program is for Chickasaw students between the ages of 14 and 18. The Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program is an opportunity for Chickasaw students to discover and develop leadership skills. Students will learn how to work and share with others while gaining knowledge of their Chickasaw culture, history and government.

Some of the sessions planned for the upcoming school year include leadership training, college campus tours, business etiquette, Chickasaw and Native American culture and domestic violence prevention.

Trips to the Oklahoma State Capitol, Chickasaw Homelands, and an end-of-the year reward trip are also planned.

For more information, please contact Ashlee White at (580) 310-9540, or ashlee.white@chickasaw.net

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Leadership students graduate

2010 high school graduates Catie Newport, Desiree Lyon and Jared Alexander, front row from left, recently completed their final year of Chikasha Apichi Ikbi and were honored in graduation ceremonies Aug. 20 at the McSwain Theatre. Standing with the graduates are youth specialist Shannon Brown, first row, second from right and Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Administrator Jay Keel, first row, right and area leadership coordinator Ashlee White, and youth specialists Kevin Tiger, back row.

'Pearl' packs in crowds during country's largest air show

OSHKOSH, Wis. - More than 3,000 people crowded onto the grounds of the Fly-in Theater July 30 at AirVenture to see "Pearl," the story of the youngest licensed pilot in U.S. history. Thousands more flocked to the "Pearl" booth and Ford's autograph headquarters to have posters or other memorabilia signed by the cast.

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, "Pearl" focuses on the exciting teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, who was befriended by famous aviator Wiley Post in the late 1920s.

Many of the pilots at AirVenture identified with the story of the teen aviatrix, who received her license at age 13 in 1928 and was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

Mike Souders said it was an "inspiring movie" which will encourage family members to chase their dreams and "encourage each other in the pursuit."

"Kids and parents will learn from this film," said Mr. Souders. "Chase the dreams. Support each other in their pursuit.

"Not only did I enjoy this movie - and as a Dad I had to hold back a sniffle or two - but my youngest daughter enjoyed the movie as well," said Mr. Souders. "That would be the daughter that doesn't care for 'aviation things.' The whole family enjoyed this movie. The characters were well developed, the acting was great, and the filming was great."

Pearl was the daughter of a successful businessman in Marlow, Oklahoma who witnessed the world around her change from prosperity in the late 1920s into the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s.

Seated near the Curtis Robin used in "Pearl," cast members sign autographs for fans at AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Seated from left are actors Angela Gair, Andrew Sensenig and Elijah DeJesus.

These social and economic changes serve as a backdrop for the passion, celebrity status, romance and internal conflict which marked Pearl's teen years.

Several audience members said the film took them back to the days when they were learning to fly. Others commented that it was a "great family film."

Gary White, of Ada, Oklahoma saw the film for the second time at AirVenture.

"The movie conveys the message of never giving up on a dream and then the message of the importance of family, Mr. White said.

"As a dad of four daughters who I have always tried to support in following their dreams, the movie conveys the message of never giving up on a dream and then the message of the importance of family. I was glad it was dark during the movie because my emotions produced more than one tear. It is a great movie for all the family."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the story of the Chickasaw aviatrix was a natural for the tribe's first feature-length film project.

"Pearl is a legendary figure in the history of Oklahoma, the world of aviation and in the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She was a dynamic, determined and caring individual who exemplifies many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people.

"She was a unique individual who had a profoundly positive impact on everyone she met. Bringing her life story to the screen will help preserve that impact for generations to come."

Producer David Rennke said "It is very satisfying to see how people relate to the issues in this film. It contains a universal message about the importance of family and community and the importance of pursuing your dreams.

"Hopefully people will get an inkling of the spirit that pervades the Chickasaw Nation," said Mr. Rennke. "The motto of the tribe is "unconquered and unconquerable" and "Pearl" really personifies that. If nothing else, I would like viewers to understand that Chickasaws are resilient and determined."

David Mars, owner and pilot of the Curtiss Robin airplane used in the film, said the plane and "Pearl" hold some things in common. Pearl, the youngest pilot to ever receive a license, refused to live a static life and the plane, which is now 80 years old, is still flying high.

Built in 1929 in St. Louis, the plane was destined to be hung in a lobby in New York City. But owner Mr. Mars changed its fate.

He rescued the plane and flies the vintage aircraft around the country and appears at a number of air shows.

"I never have gone and picked up stray dogs but I do try to save airplanes from a life of static display," Mr. Mars said. "I think they need to be flown."

Mr. Rennke said he expected "Pearl" to be released on DVD this fall.

AirVenture is one of the largest air show in the U.S. This year the event drew more than 535,000 people and 10,000 airplanes.

For more information visit www.pearlthemovie.net.

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'Pearl' to air at Warren Theater

The first commercial showing of "Pearl" in Oklahoma will begin Friday, Sept. 10 at the Warren Theater, 1000 Telephone Road, Moore, Okla.

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, "Pearl" focuses on the tumultuous teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw girl who learned to fly at age 13 and was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

"Pearl" will be shown four times daily from Friday, Sept. 10 through Thursday, Sept. 16.

Members of the cast and crew will participate in a question and answer session and sign autographs after the Saturday, Sept. 11 showing, currently scheduled for 7 p.m.

Cast members Elijah DeJesus (Pearl), Andrew Sensenig (George Carter Sr.) and Angela Gair (Lucy Carter) are expected to be in attendance. Producer David Rennke and director King Hollis are also expected to attend.

Free "Pearl" t-shirts will also be available with paid admission Saturday night.

Please check http://www.warrentheatres.com/moore.asp for ticket prices and show times.

"Pearl" is expected to be released on DVD this fall. To be notified when DVDs are available, visit www.pearlthemovie.net and click on the Pearl DVD info button.

Mom's chemotherapy alters perspective

Arnett family faces new challenge along with Olympic quest

When Kaylea Arnett won her seventh Junior National Diving Championship in July, she ran into the stands, gave her mother Terrie a hug and said "I did that for you, mom."

Since Kaylea began diving in 2001, her mom had driven her to morning and afternoon practices. Mrs. Arnett had traveled across the U.S. and to several foreign countries to see her daughter win six national championships and other titles too numerous to mention.

But that dedication and sacrifice wasn't the only reason Kaylea dedicated her win to her mom. Kaylea wasn't sure her mother was going to be there for the championship meet in Tucson. Mrs. Arnett had recently undergone her first chemotherapy treatment.

Diagnosed with breast cancer in April, doctors performed a 13-hour double mastectomy May 21. She began chemotherapy treatments July 15.

"(After) my first chemo my oncologist said there's no way you're going to make it out (to Tucson), Mrs. Arnett said.

"I'm a little stubborn. I told my husband, 'if it gets close and I'm feeling good, I'm going to go anyway.'"

In Tucson, she was also able to see her daughter Alyssa dive with sister Kaylea in the synchronized competition.

Alyssa said she thought it was "amazing" that her mother was able to come to the event.

Kaylea has been on a quest to win a spot on the U.S. Olympic team for several years. She qualified for USA Diving's Olympic Medal Program when she was only 13.

That year, 2006, Kaylea took gold in the 3-meter, 1-meter and platform events at the 2006 Speedo Junior Nationals in Indianapolis. About two weeks later, the Arnett family learned that Kaylea had been selected to the Olympic Medal Program.

Her mother, was very excited after she received the email notifying her of the selection.

"It's amazing," Mrs. Arnett said soon after Kaylea's selection. "Everybody wants to get that letter."

In 2007, Kaylea won first in the Junior Pan American Championships. In 2008, Kaylea and her partner Michelle Cabassol won silver medals in platform and 3-meter synchronized diving in the FINA Junior World Championship in Aachen, Germany.

Kaylea again teamed up with Cabassol to win the National Diving Championship in synchronized diving last year in Tallahassee, Florida.

While preparing for a possible Olympic spot is exciting, the schedule is grueling. Kaylea has diving practice from 8 to 11 each morning and 2:30 to 5:30 each afternoon during the season, along with six to eight major events out of town.

Asked in 2007 how Kaylea's schedule affects her life, Mrs. Arnett said "I just live in the car all the time."

Kaylea, Mrs. Arnett said, is very self-motivated.

"We're awfully proud of her," she said. "She does it all herself. We just do all the cheering and the flying and the driving.

While Kaylea is still dedicated to her sport, her mother's diagnosis has changed her perspective.

"Diving just got so small - like it wasn't the world anymore," said Kaylea.

That doesn't mean that Kaylea has given up competition. She plans to compete in the FINA World Junior Championship in Tucson in September.

Mrs. Arnett said that she plans to be there to watch Kaylea compete if she is able.

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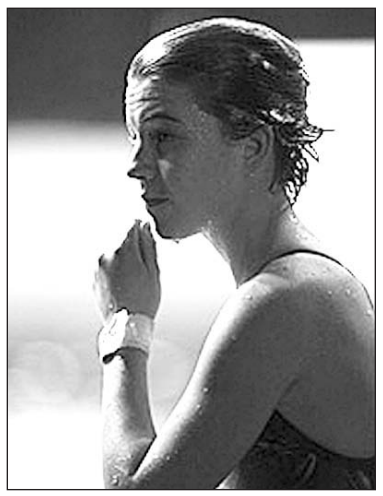

Kaylea Arnett

Net income from business operations remains healthy

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending July 31, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $11.8 million for the month and $119.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $9.2 million for the month and $74.6 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for July totaled $85.6 million and $759.6 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $29.6 million for the month and $238.1 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $65.3 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2010, the tribal government funds had $114.4 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $18.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $162 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of July 31, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $972 million compared to $899 million at January 31, 2010 or an increase of $73 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	6,451,701	759,626,536	766,078,237
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		112,819,390	(112,819,390)	-
Total funds available		119,271,091	646,807,146	766,078,237
Expenditures				
General government		6,744,022		6,744,022
Legislature		1,649,555		1,649,555
Judiciary		982,751		982,751
Education		14,187,677		14,187,677
Heritage Preservation		9,556,572		9,556,572
Health		13,280,858		13,280,858
Youth and Family Services		7,058,744		7,058,744
Nutrition Programs		4,002,409		4,002,409
Regulatory		5,708,159		5,708,159
Assistance Programs		11,453,294		11,453,294
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			427,168,940	427,168,940
Other businesses' expense			154,254,484	154,254,484
Total expenditures		74,624,042	581,423,424	656,047,466
Increase in net assets		44,647,049	65,383,721	110,030,771
Beginning net assets		369,797,485	493,106,043	862,903,528
Ending net assets	$	414,444,534	558,489,764	972,934,299

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
July 31, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	114,482,049	162,449,505	276,931,554
Receivables		40,952,440	36,367,749	77,320,189
Inventory			4,916,535	4,916,535
Prepaid expenses			13,501,019	13,501,019
Other Assets			19,772,948	19,772,948
Fixed assets		259,328,937	518,659,460	777,988,396
Less payables		(318,891)	(197,177,450)	(197,496,341)
Net Assets	$	414,444,534	558,489,764	972,934,299

Education, perseverance making better lives

Fourteen Chickasaws graduate tribe's School-to-Work program

2009-2010 Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work graduates and program staff members include, front row from left, Ada career counselor Valerie Nix, LaRue Baken, Tara Dorsey and Heather Duns. Back row from left, Ardmore career counselor Don Mose, program director Danny Wall, Katie Akerman, Tylor Lampkin, Bobby Upton, Daris Roebuck, and tribal Administrative Services administrator Jalinda Kelley. Joe Ross, Rachel Williams, Tesia Worcester, Brandi Bowman, Robin Jones, Hollie Savage and Kyle Moore are not pictured.

DAVIS, Okla. - Fourteen Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work graduates were honored during a Student Recognition luncheon, Aug. 5 at the Inn at Treasure Valley banquet room in Davis.

The graduates, all Chickasaw citizens from the Ada and Ardmore programs, received awards and Pendleton blankets.

"Graduating is quite an accomplishment," Chickasaw Nation Administrative Services administrator Jalinda Kelley told the graduates. "You are part of a vision,"

The School-to-Work program is overseen by the tribal Division of Administrative Services

Mrs. Kelley shared the roots of the program with the 50 students in attendance. The School-to- Work program, she said, was part of a vision conceived by Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

"Governor Anoatubby is a man with great vision," she said. "He is looking five, 10 years down the road at how we are going to support our children and grandchildren."

The program came to fruition, Mrs. Kelley said, to give Chickasaw students the opportunity to complete their college educations and improve their families' lives.

The graduates earned degrees in varying fields, including Social Work, Early Childhood Education and Kinesiology. Most have secured employment with the Chickasaw Nation in their respective fields.

Fall 2009 graduates from the Ada area include: Katie Akerman, Kinesiology; Joe Ross, Medical Physics; Rachel Williams, Social Work; and Tesia Worcester, LPN Certificate.

Spring 2010 Ada graduates include: Tara Dorsey, Desktop Support Technician; Heather Duns, Early Childhood Education; and Tylor Lampkin, Kinesiology.

Ardmore Spring 2010 graduates include: LaRue Baken, Human Services Counseling; Brandi Bowman, Human Services Counseling; Robin Jones, Human Services Counseling; Hollie Savage, LPN Certificate; and Bobby Upton, Human Services Counseling.

Kyle Moore, Environmental Health Science, and Darius Roebuck, Kinesiology, both of Ada, graduated in the Summer 2010.

Also during the program, 34 current students were recognized for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average.

About School-to-Work

The School-to-Work program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earned their education while maintaining employment through an On-the-Job Training program.

Students accepted in the program attend class and work in internship program, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information about the School to Work program, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose in Ardmore at (580) 222-2839.

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Seat 5

Thank you

Thank you to the Chickasaw voters for your help in my campaign for Chickasaw Legislator.
May God continue to bless you and our tribe in the coming year.

Top woodcut at Santa Fe

Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood with his first-place woodcut print "Blackbird Speaks." Mr. Greenwood was awarded first place in the Print-making/ Lithographs, Woodcuts and Etchings Division at the Santa Fe (N.M.) Indian Market with his woodcut print. Six Chickasaw artists were selected to display works at the 89th annual art show, conducted Aug. 20-21 in Santa Fe.

Chickasaw artists display work at Santa Fe Market

The Chickasaw Nation was well represented during the annual 89th annual Santa Fe Indian Market, Santa Fe, N.M. This year's event was August 21-22 in and around the historic Plaza of Santa Fe.

The artwork of six Chickasaw artists was selected for the Santa Fe Indian Market, the largest and oldest juried Native American art show and market in the world.

Established in 1922 to encourage the continuation of traditional Indian arts and crafts, the Santa Fe Indian Market showcases 1,200 Native American artists from about 100 tribes.

Entries are screened by the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts, Inc. for quality and authenticity.

Chickasaw artists selected for the Market were Bruce Finney, painting/drawing graphics/ photography; Norma Howard, painting/drawing/graphics, photography; Nancy Johnson, diverse arts; Margaret Wheeler, textiles; Daniel Worcester, diverse arts; and Brent Greenwood, painting/drawing graphics/photography.

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Thank you

With deep appreciation to all the voters who supported me!
I will continue to work hard for all Chickasaws.

Linda Briggs
Pickens District
Seat 3

Artists may apply now to display artwork in Southeastern Art Show

The application deadline for the 2010 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo, Okla., is Friday, Sept. 10.

More than $5,000 in prize money will be awarded, including a $1,000 cash prize for "Best In Show" and $1,000 in total prize money for Youth artists. Adults and youth from any federally-recognized tribe are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional or three-dimensional categories. Artists may enter up to two works per category up to a total of four entries. The youth artist competition is open to students entering grades nine through 12 during the 2010-2011 school year. Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation during the tribe's 50th Annual Meeting and 22nd Chickasaw Festival, the juried art competition and market will be conducted September 30 through October 2 on the tribe's historic capitol grounds in Tishomingo.

SEASAM art awards will be presented at 6 p.m. at the Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony and Reception Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Murray State College Ballroom, on the campus of Murray State College, in Tishomingo. Participating artists will display their work in the SEASAM tent from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, October 1 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 2. Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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LEGO League kick starts junior engineers

The Chickasaw Nation LEGO and Junior LEGO Leagues kicked off the new robotics season in August.

The teams are gearing up for the new LEGO build season and theme for 2010.

"This year the LEGO League teams will explore the world of bionics and medical engineering and how it can affect the community," said tribal science, technology and math manager Sara Willie.

The 2010 LEGO League challenge is called "Body Forward." Students will learn how medicine and engineering interact. Students will focus on biomedical engineering and discover innovative ways to repair injuries, overcome genetic predispositions and maximize the body's potential to produce a happier life.

The Chickasaw Nation LEGO and Junior LEGO teams are made up of Chickasaw students. The LEGO program has two teams - Cybernuts and Blockheads. The Junior LEGO program has increased to four teams - Super Storm, Tiny Techs, Mini Mayhem and Witty Widgets.

Body Forward is the 2010 Challenge for the Jr. LEGO and LEGO teams.

The LEGO teams are for students ages nine to 14, and Junior LEGO teams include youngsters ages six through eight.

"With technology advancing at such a rapid pace, students involved with the LEGO and Jr. LEGO programs are being instilled with the drive that anything is possible," said Willie. "These children are leading the way for our future."

The LEGO League was created through FIRST, a national organization that promotes learning through science, engineering, technology and math. The LEGO Leagues introduce students to robotics and real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots for local, regional and national competitions.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation LEGO Leagues, contact Sara Willie at 580.421.7711 or sara.willie@chickasaw.net.

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Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Student artists engage in creation, marketing of works

Works of five aspiring Chickasaw artists were displayed at the "Design and Marketing Class Artists" exhibit Aug. 6 – Aug. 20, at the McSwain Theatre Art Gallery, 130 W. Main in Ada, Okla.

Addison Manning, 16, with her artwork "Eagle Spirit" at the opening reception of the "Design and Marketing Class Artists" exhibit Aug. 6, at the McSwain Theatre Art Gallery, 130 W. Main in Ada, Okla.

ADA, Okla. – Ryan Rico started taking pictures when he was 13.

"I like photography," he said. "I like taking pictures of things and plants."

One year later, Ryan has sold three pictures, two of which are now displayed at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

Ryan is one of the five students who completed an eight-week design and marketing course offered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

"I learned how to market myself as a young artist and sell my art," Ryan said.

Other students in the course were Micah Hart, Addison Manning, Michaela Milligan and Mercedes Milligan.

The course provides the students with hands-on experience in the design and marketing of their artwork, including conception, creation, promotion and distribution, said Graphic Arts and Design Coordinator and class leader Rachel Westmoreland.

"They are all very talented kids," Ms. Westmoreland said. "They showed up every week working hard and even took stuff home and had extra work to do during the week."

An important component added to this year's course was the opportunity for students to develop their own artist portfolio books. Students also created DVDs, containing their resumes, biographies, examples of their artwork and their headshots.

The DVDs can be mailed out to museums, art galleries and art competitions.

The works of the five aspiring Chickasaw artists were showcased at the "Design and Marketing Class Artists" exhibit Aug. 6 – Aug. 20, at the McSwain Theatre Art Gallery, 130 W. Main in Ada.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the exhibit created by the students was "very impressive."

"These students should be commended for their talent and their strong work ethic," said Gov. Anoatubby. "These young men and women have put in a great deal of effort to hone their artistic talents and develop skills that could help them turn those talents into rewarding careers."

Also available at the exhibit were the greeting card packets created by the students.

Each packet contained five greeting cards, featuring artwork of each student, and cost $10.

To learn more about the design and marketing course and the application process, please contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

About the artists:

Micah Hart, of Chickasaw and Cheyenne heritage, enjoys studying Chickasaw history and culture, and then writing or creating art pieces describing what he has learned. He has also created art pieces depicting his Cheyenne heritage. Mr. Hart's primary mediums are colored pencil, watercolor paints and markers on Bainbridge illustration board.

Addison Manning is involved in several artistic disciplines including drawing, photography and speech. Her artwork has been displayed at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy Showcase and Red Earth Youth Art Show. She placed third at a regional speech tournament and qualified for the state competition.

Ryan Rico, of Chickasaw and Creek heritage, has entered many art contests like Red Earth Festival and Southeastern Art Show and Market.

Mercedes Milligan began selling her artwork at age five. Her work "Nannola' Olachi" (Making Music) was featured as the album cover of the recently released music CD OSHTALI ("divided into four parts.") She received the Juror's Award in the 2009 Southeastern Art Show and Market and won the first place at the 2010 State of Oklahoma Johnson O'Malley Art Contest.

Michaela Milligan won the second places in the 2009 Southeastern Red Earth Youth Competition for her beaded collar and the 2010 Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest in poetry. She is an honor student, who plans to attend a culinary school after graduation.

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Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy attracts 150

ADA, Okla. - Creativity was enhanced and passion for arts was ignited during the sixth annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy at East Central University, July 19 – 31.

The unique two-week academy provided artistic opportunities for more than 150 students. The students, ages eight to 19, came from across the country to participate. Professional instructors in ten disciplines – vocal music, textile design, video production, theatre tech, dance, theatre, visual arts 2-dimensional, creative writing, music composition and visual arts 3-dimensional – led the instruction.

The academy was also a venue for daily presentations from cultural presenters and art experts. Two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and Chickasaw Nation Writer-in-Residence Linda Hogan, Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood and many more, engaged the students in Native American and other artistic expressions.

"We are changing lives," said Laura Stewart, director of Arts in Education at the Division of Arts and Humanities and co-director for the Arts Academy. "Students are finding their life goals."

Arts Academy first-timer Makayla Nacole Dollar used to draw, write and sing. But at the academy, she also learned to dance, act and make pottery.

"You never know what you can do until you come here," said the 13-year-old from Tishomingo, Okla.

For another first-timer Mikayla Hollis, of McLoud, Okla., "all sorts of cool things" that she learned at the academy will help her in achieving her goal of becoming a professional musician.

"I learned to pump out a piece of music under pressure," 17-year-old Mikayla said. "I also learned different techniques."

She also enjoyed being around "so many artistic kids."

"I have never really been to anything like this before," she said. "It just makes you look at things differently."

Classes were offered on two levels. Younger students participated in a six-discipline fine arts rotation, and advanced students engaged in a 10-discipline level II class rotation.

The fine arts rotation students gained experiences in theatre, creative writing, dance,

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CHICKASAW SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY

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Textile design student Daniel Bonar works on his artwork at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. Marcy Gray

Fine arts rotation student rehearse for the "Festival of the Art" at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center at East Central University Friday, July 30.

Visual art 3-dimensional student Kayla Halverson's "Mr. Pigeon" is displayed at the "Festival of the Art" at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center at East Central University Saturday, July 31.

Music composition instructor Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, seated, works with Arts Academy student Ryan May at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

vocal music, visual arts 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional. The kids were divided into six clans – panther, alligator, raccoon, bird, bear and wolf.

Each level II student focused on a certain discipline, allowing him to specialize in that major.

Fourteen-year-old Ezra Johnson, who is majoring in creative writing, said he learned to be a "poet" at the academy.

For Ezra, one of the best parts of the academy in the past four years was working with his instructor Jim Wilson.

"He works well with students and makes them feel good about their writing," he said.

The academy culminated with a "Festival of the Arts" at the newly constructed Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center at ECU.

"Being in the Hallie Brown facility is just fabulous," said Frieda Clark, director of Special Projects for Division of Arts and Humanities and Arts Academy co-director. "The community cooperation with East Central University has been wonderful for the students."

New this year, students showcased their talents during a single-day festival instead of the traditional two-day showcase.

Based on the feedback from previous years, the new format allows parents with children in both level II and fine arts rotation, to watch everything in one day.

Ada resident Vanita Glover attended the festival with her husband, Joe, and daughters Lara, 6, and Lana, 4. The Glovers were on hand to supporte daughter Lorin, 12, of the panther clan.

The academy has helped Lorin "be more creative and try different things that she hadn't known before," Mrs. Glover said.

"It provides an excellent opportunity for every person who participates to learn a wide variety of art mediums and it's really a great asset for this area," she said.

The fine arts rotation instructors were: Krista Lynn Williams Clark (theatre), Eric Hardison (visual arts 2-dimensional), Reta Watson (vocal music), Laura Marshall Clark (creative writing), Elizabeth Swearingen (visual art 3-dimensional) and Phoebe Barron (dance).

Level II instructors were: Karita Coffey (visual art 3-dimensional), Phillip Berryhill (vocal music), Sterlin Harjo (video production), Debra Collins Bailey (theatre tech), Trina Jones (visual arts 2-dimensional), S. Lei Rumley (theatre), Rachel Hendricks (dance), Jim Wilson (creative writing) Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate (music composition) and Margaret Roach Wheeler (textile design).

The admission process for the Arts Academy begins each spring. For more information about the academy and the application process, please visit www.chickasaw.net or contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580)272-5520.

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Arts Academy student works on display at Jacobson House

Artwork of the 2010 CSAA students are being showcased at the Jacobson House Native Art Center in Norman, Okla., until Sept. 24.

"Visions of the Young Chickasaw Artists," presented by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, features drawings, paintings, photography, weaving, woodwork, beadwork and many more.

The exhibit also features artwork of Chickasaw Young Artists Studio students.

The studio is designed to help the growth of aspiring and emerging artists in grades 7-12 by providing supervised studio time. Instructors help students working on a portfolio, contest work or an art project.

The Jacobson House Native Art Center is located at 609 Chautauqua Avenue and hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

BIRTHS

Redek Lee Collins

Redek Lee Collins was born 2:30 p.m., Aug. 9, 2010 at the newly opened Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada. He weighed 8 lbs., 13.3 oz and measured 20 3/4 inches at birth.

Redek is the son of Derek and Rachael Collins.

He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Eddie and Tammy Collins and Buddy Tartsah, all of Ada.

Nashoba Robert Lee Bardes

Nashoba Robert Lee Bardes was born July 9, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs., 1.8 oz and measured 21 1/2 inches at birth.

He is the son of Lory Deswert and Corey Bardes. He is the brother of Riley Hansen Bardes.

His grandparents are Ted and Luetta Barrier and Robert and Robbyn Deswert.

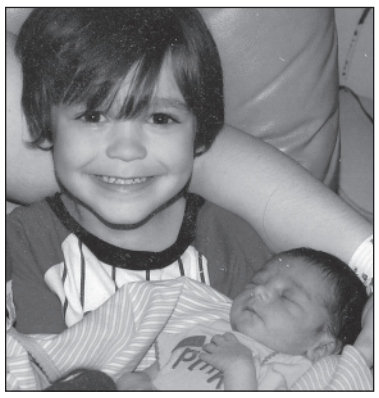
Luetta Faith Bardes

Daniel and Tracey Bardes of The Dalles, Ore., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Luetta Faith Bardes.

Luetta was born at 9:51 a.m., July 11, 2010 at The Dalles. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 19 3/4 inches at birth.

She has two older sisters, Meredith Crofoot-Middleton, 15, and Melissa Spring, 10.

She is the granddaughter of Teddy and Luetta Barrier and Daniel and Melissa Crofoot.



Josiah and Hannah Michelle Lester

Josiah Lester announces the birth of his sister, Hannah Michelle Lester. Hannah was born May 20, 2010 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. She weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 18.9 inches.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Deaven Lester.

Grandparents are Ray and Ann Wilkerson, of Stratford, Okla., David and Patricia Conley, of Oklahoma City, Jim and Susan Smithee, of Latta, Okla.

She is the greatgranddaughter of Robert and Pat Brown, of Pickett, Okla., and Mattie Conley, of Oklahoma City.

Lila Diann Willis

Lila Diann Willis was born July 16, 2010 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 21.5 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Michael and Nicole Willis.

Grandparents are Sandee and James Jolder, Billy Ward and Janet Campbell, the late Matthew Willis and the late Cindy Bermudez. She is the great-granddaughter of Dean McManus, Bill Johnson, and Jerry and Luann Anderson.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Customer Survey Winner

Congratulations to Kristy Ingram, of Ada, Okla., for winning our quarterly customer service survey $100 prize!

Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Customer Survey Winner Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and everyone of you. To enter go to www.chickasaw. net and click on the link for customer service surveys.

BIRTHDAY

Happy 100th Birthday, Juanita Keel Tate!

Juanita Keel Tate, 1934

Juanita Keel Tate, 2010

Virginia Lee (Betty) White celebrated her 80th birthday May 7, 2010. She was honored with a surprise birthday party hosted by her children. Everyone had a lot of fun and plenty of good food.

Betty is loved by all and is a very caring person to friends and family.

She is the granddaughter of the late Bina Underwood Owens, an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation.

She is the daughter of the late Cub Obeyshaun and Louella Owens. She has two sisters, Lois and Joyce and four brothers, John, Chub, JR, Bob and the late Bill Owens.

Happy Birthday Betty!

Virginia Lee White

Dominic Garcia

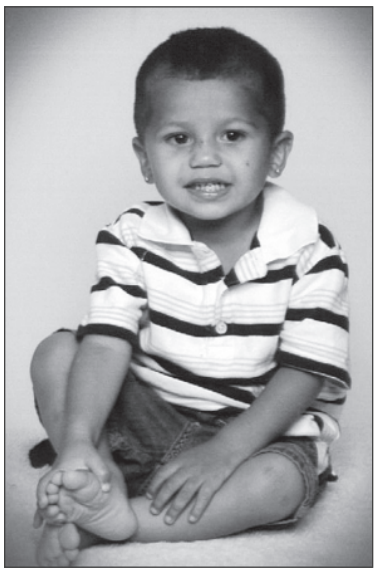
Dominic Garcia turned one year old July 29, 2010. He celebrated July 31 with lots of family and friends at Walker Park.

He is the son of Adrienne Taylor and Jose Garcia. His siblings are, Leila and Silas Taylor.

He loves SpongeBob, trucks, playing in the water and riding around in his car.

Hope you have a great birthday!

We love you very much!



Marquis Anthony Terrell Easley

Marquis Anthony Terrell Easley "Bubba" will celebrate his second birthday September 16. He will celebrate with a SpongeBob theme party at Lazer Zone, Ada, Okla.

His sister, Diamond, claims "*He is the best brother ever"*!

He is Mommy's "Son" shine and Daddy's "Lil man."

We wish him the best birthday.

Love you Marquis!

You family.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Alexis Kitchens

Mississippi girl receives certificate for all A's

Alexis Kitchens, who attends Pelehatchie (MS) Elementary School, recently was awarded a medal and certificate for being a member of the All A's Honor Roll.

Alexis is the daughter of Ty Kitchens, of Brandon, Miss., and Cheryl Kitchens, of Pearl, Miss. She has a six-year-old sister, Tara Nicole, and a four-year-old brother, Anthony Tyler.

Alexis' grandparents are Anita Kitchens, of Brandon, and the late Tony Kitchens.

She is the great-granddaughter of John and Betty Owens, of Brandon, and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Cub Obeyshaun and Louella Owens.

Alexis' great-great-great-grandmother was Bina Underwood Owens, an original enrollee.

Lilly Shaffer

Lilly Shaffer receives Civic Education Award

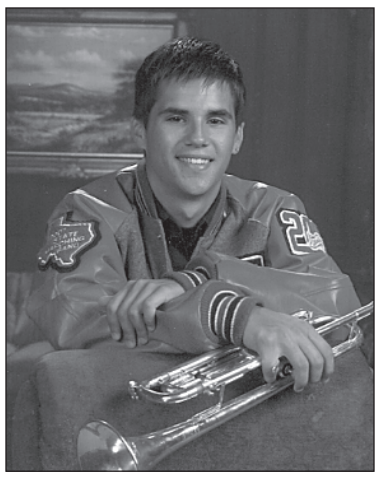
A Chickasaw girl has recently received a prestigious state education award for civic leadership and scholarship.

Lilly Shaffer, a 13-year-old freshman at Gig Harbor (WA) High School, was one of two western Washington winners of the Daniel J. Evans Civic Education Award. The award recognizes third- through 12th-grade students who are active in their communities and successfully complete the Civics Classroom Based Assessment.

Lilly received the award following a report she wrote regarding the government's involvement in stem cell funding. Lilly's social studies teacher, Tim Fiske, nominated her for the award.

Lilly won the award during her eighth-grade year at Goodman Middle School.

Lilly's parents are Shawn and Kiersten Shaffer, of Gig Harbor.



Aaron Montoya

Chickasaw musician doing well at UT-Austin

Aaron Montoya, a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, is a student at UT's Butler School of Music, where he plays trumpet.

As a freshman, Mr. Montoya became a member of UT's Wind Symphony and also performed with the University of Texas Wind Ensemble.

Mr. Montoya has recently performed with the Austin Wind Symphony, the world's only symphony dedicated to the preservation of motion picture music.

He also is a member of the University of Texas Longhorn Marching Band. He is a member of the Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity.

"Aaron is a budding young trumpet star," UT trumpet professor Ray Sasaki said. "His motivation and work ethic are among the best in the trumpet department."

Mr. Montoya is the son of Charles and Laurie Montoya. His grandparents are Guy and Gloria McElroy.

Tyrell Hatton

Byng student named to Principal's Honor Roll

Tyrell Hatton, a fifth-grader at Byng (OK) Elementary School, was named to the Principal's Honor Roll during the final semester of his fourth-grade year.

Tyrell received a certificate and gift card from the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club for outstanding achievement.

Tyrell likes playing basketball, swimming and running track. He is very driven to succeed!

Tyrell's parents are Eren Hatton and Shawn Wills, of Ada, Okla., and Bobby Walker, of Shawnee, Okla. His sisters are, Nyla, Dembri and Kiya.

His grandparents are Tanis Hatton and Bobby Hatton, both of Ada, and Carlita and Nathan Walker, of Duncan, Okla.

Shanna Jo Johnson

Chickasaw student graduates from UT-PB

Shanna Jo Johnson is a 2010 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Mrs. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in business management and wore her Chickasaw Honor sash during the graduation ceremony.

Her honors include Chickasaw Nation Holitoplichi Honor's distinction, Dean's Honor Roll, as well as Beta Gamma Sigma. She plans to continue her education this fall, by working towards an MBA degree.

Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of John and Carolyn Garrett, of Odessa, Texas, granddaughter of Chickasaw citizen Jeannette Price, and Vaudie and the late Luther Garrett.

She and her husband, Gary Johnson, have three boys, Jonathan, Braydon, and Dylan. Mrs. Johnson has two sisters, Sharla Miller and Shena Dixon and a brother, Shayne Garrett.

She would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for all of its support. They have truly been a blessing.

Taylor Nichols honored for community work

A Chickasaw high school student has recently been honored for her work in her home community.

Taylor Nichols, 17, a senior at Hughson (CA) High School, was named to the "Teen Hall of Fame" in April by the Modesto (CA) Bee, the community daily newspaper.

Taylor was honored for her volunteer work in the community, principally with the Hughson Youth Council.

She also contributes time to the Hughson Christmas Basket Project, the Children's Health Fair and Festival, and the Summer Literacy Program.

She has also been active in the Underage Drinking Prevention Initiative.

"It's the little pats on the back from community members who see what we do that make it completely worth it," Taylor said.

Taylor plans to get a full-time job after high school and attend Modesto (CA) Junior College.

Taylor is the daughter of Tanya Nichols.

Synergy girls finish season strong

Oklahoma Synergy players are, front row from left, Sarah Bratcher, Chelsea Alexander and Allison Young. middle row, from left, Paige Brady, Maebree Abney, Rachel Hurtz, Kiersten Love, Shelby Pogue and Cheyenne Woodward (tribal member). Back row from left, Perri Cole (tribal member), Hannah Nelson, Head Coach Heather Brady, Hannah Roberts, Matison Worcester (tribal member), and Savannah Reece.

The Oklahoma Synergy 12U fastpitch softball team wrapped up its season with a fifth place finish in the VTD Open National Softball Tournament in Garland, Texas.

Oklahoma Synergy also took third place in the Ardmore, Okla., "Midnight Madness" Tournament earlier in July and placed fourth out of 40 teams in the Goliath Tournamnet in Carlsbad, N.M. in June.

Congratulations ladies on an amazing season and representing yourselves and Oklahoma so well!

Chickasaw student winner of Young Native Writers Essay Contest

Ashley Vance

An essay addressing the issue of what makes a "real Indian" earned Chickasaw student Ashley Vance a $2,500 college scholarship.

Ashley's essay focused on whether blood quantum was the most important factor in determining who is a "real" Indian. Her great-grandfather was one-half Chickasaw.

"One problem for my tribal community is an unfortunate side effect of the dwindling blood quantum: how to be Native American when your genes almost deny it," she wrote.

Ashley concluded the solution to keeping close to one's heritage is through knowledge of your culture which provides a connection to ancestors.

This knowledge can make us whoever we wish to be like, she wrote, with the characteristics of a lost relative looking for the rest of his family.

"We can learn about ourselves through this process, and who we can aspire to be.

"I have the choice to decide whether or not to be Native American, and I know what choice I will make."

Ashley, a junior at Regents School of Austin (Texas) aspires to attend a northern college, and hopes to pursue a career in elementary education.

"I have always felt inspired by my teachers, and I hope I can give back when I am a teacher," she said.

One of five winners of the Holland and Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest, 16-year-old Ashley enjoyed week-long trip to Washington, D.C.

The contest is designed to inspire a sense of pride, honor and dignity in young Native American high school students.

During her trip, Ashley and four other essay winners were honored during a ceremony at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Ashley is the daughter of Tommie Carolyn Norton-Vance and granddaughter of Tom and Jeanette Norton. Ashley often volunteers at the local community library, as well serving meals at the Salvation Army on Christmas morning for the past four years. Through her school, Ashley also volunteers at a local nursing home and a crisis pregnancy center.

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About the Young Writers Essay Contest

The Young Native Writers Essay Contest is a writing contest for Native American high school students. It is designed to encourage young Native Americans to think about the critical issues impacting their tribal communities today.

Along with four other winners, Ashley Vance was awarded a $2,500 scholarship for her work. To read the wining essay follow this link: http://nativewriters.hklaw.com/ESSAYS/2010/index.asp.

National Association of County Extension Agents President Phil Pratt, left, presents the Distinguished Service Award to McIntosh County Extension Director Randy Burris and his wife Robyn at the 2010 NACAA National meeting.

Chickasaw man recognized for ag career

A Chickasaw agricultural specialist has recently been recognized for his years of service.

Randy Burris, an extension educator in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, received a distinguished service award during the 2010 annual meeting of the National Association of Extension Agriculture Agents.

Mr. Burris has worked for 30 years as an extension agent in McIntosh, Pawnee and Lincoln counties in Oklahoma. His extension work has included agriculture, rural development and 4H.

He was instrumental in establishing the OK Steer Feedout, OK Beef Congress and Deep Fork Cattle Conference. His work in native range fertility has been recognized nationally.

Mr. Burris and his wife, Robyn, have two daughters, Chelsea, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas, and Emily, a sophomore at Eufaula (OK) High School.

Mr. Burris is the son of Claud and Naomi Burris, of Wilson, Okla. He traces his Chickasaw roots to Nelson Chigley.

Spring Creek 2nd at All Indian fastpitch tourney

Kneeling, from left, Caleb Williamson, Andy Underwood, James Ingram and Jason Underwood. Standing, from left, coaches Jack Underwood and Dex Underwood, Shannon Underwood, Tim Underwood, Clovis Hamilton, Matt McDonald, J.D. Underwood, Bo Pershica, Derek Hamilton and coach Darrell Underwood. Not pictured are Ben Underwood and Gerald Wisdom.

The Spring Creek fastpitch team won the runner-up title during the 58th annual All Indian men's fastpitch tournament last month in Norman, Okla. Spring Creek has been a team since 1992 and all players are dads, cousins, uncles and brothers.

Chickasaw diver first in spearfishing

Chickasaw diver Doug Beach, left, and teammate Jay Mikish.

A Chickasaw diver has recently won his third competitive title.

Doug Beach, of Apache, Okla., competed in the Underwater Society of America's Midwest Division national spearfishing tournament at Greers Ferry Lake at Heber Springs, Ark.

Mr. Beach took first place in the individual category with 32 fish. His teammate, Jay Mikish, of Choctaw, Okla., finished second in the individual category with 27 fish.

The team took first place in the scuba division.

"We scouted the lake for four days and found most fish 20 feet or deeper," Mr. Beach said. "It's fun and stressful competing against world class skin and scuba divers, but that's what we came for."

Teams competing in the skin and scuba diving events came from across the country, including teams from Florida, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas and California.

FAREWELL FROM THE 2009-2010 CHICKASAW PRINCESSES

Jessie Miller
Miss Chickasaw

Chukma! I'm Jessie Miller, the current Miss Chickasaw 2009-2010.

I am a junior at East Central University, majoring in Elementary Education, and I work for the School-To-Work program in the Chickasaw Nation.

This year as Miss Chickasaw, I have participated in many events, traveled many places, and met many new faces. I tried with the best of my ability to be a positive influence and role model, to not only the other princesses but to everyone I came into contact with.

I have learned so much and I'm thankful that I have had this chance to be Chickasaw Nation Royalty. I have become very close to the other royalty Alexis Walker and Lauren John as well as their families, and also, the coordinator Mary Hartley and her family. I got to opportunity to be in many parades, perform the Lord's Prayer in sign language, and visit with the elders and the young children, but best of all I got to say that I was "Miss Chickasaw."

One of my favorite events was going to the new Cultural Center opening. It was extremely beautiful and was awesome to see everything that was displayed.

Being an ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation is such an honor and privilege and I encourage all the Chickasaw girls to be proud of who you are and to be proud of your heritage. If you have tried to be a Chickasaw Princess and you didn't get it, try again, it's totally worth it.

Chukmashki!!

Alexis Walker
Jr. Miss Chickasaw

Chukma! It is with great sadness that the time has come for me to say farewell as your 2009-2010 Junior Miss Chickasaw. This year has been an amazing experience for me, and I can't possibly explain the depth of how much I will miss everything associated with the princess program and everyone I've met during the past year.

Two special girls and one coordinator have made my time as princess very enjoyable: Jessie Miller, Lauren John and Ms. Mary Hartley. Jessie and Lauren - I am so glad I was able to share my reign with you girls!

I am thankful the Lord blessed me with the opportunity to represent and honor the Chickasaw Nation as this year's Junior Miss Chickasaw. I am thankful for supportive family and friends, too. You all are wonderful people! I encourage all young Chickasaw ladies to aspire to have a dream and follow it.

Now it's time to give up my title to a well deserving girl. I know whoever wins the 2010-2011 Junior Miss Chickasaw title will be a great representative for the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation. Never give up, and always do your best!

Thank you,
Alexis Walker
2009-2010 Junior Miss Chickasaw

Lauren John
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chokma!

It is almost time for me to give up my crown to the new Little Miss Chickasaw. I am happy that I ran for the 2009-2010 Little Miss Chickasaw because I have learned so much and we had a great time.

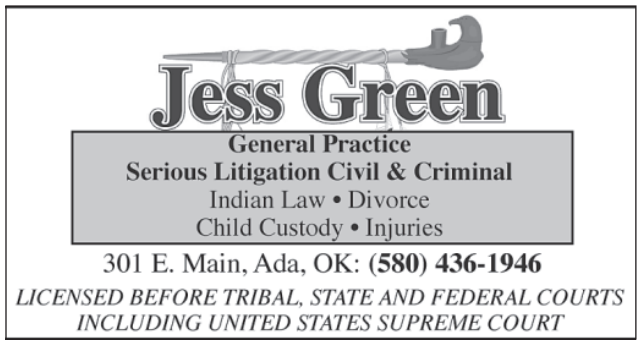
It has been a good year. I want to thank some very nice people for helping me and caring for the princesses. Thank you to Mary Hartley, Phyllis Avanzini, Alexis Walker, Jessie Miller and Governor Bill Anoatubby.

When I decided to run for Little Miss Chickasaw, I wanted to win because I wanted to be a princess since I was very small and I loved the crown. Being Little Miss Chickasaw is more than the dress and crown. It is a big responsibility. We are role models for other girls and we try to inspire others to be good students and work hard.

We worked hard but we also got to travel and do exciting things. I will be sad to see the year end but I need to share the joy of being a princess with other Chickasaw girls.

Good luck to the 2010-2011 Chickasaw princesses. I know you will love being a Chickasaw princess!

Yo ko ka,
Lauren John
Little Miss Chickasaw 2009-2010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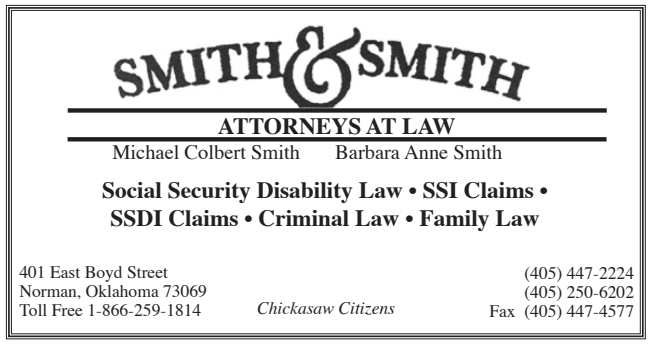

New tribal medical center floor plan

Chickasaws have repeatedly cited health service as their number one priority among tribal services. The new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center officially opened in August following a dedication ceremony in July.

The 370,000 square-foot state-of-the-art health care facility is designed to provide the highest level of health care. It includes various patient care services as well as tribal health programs and administrative offices under one roof.

Patients, families and visitors are greeted by friendly staff at the information desk, where they can receive directions and pick up a visitor's guide. The guide includes important phone numbers as well as detailed maps of the three-story hospital.

Services on the first floor, north of the information desk, include:

- Pharmacy
- Family Practice Clinics
- Pediatrics
- Testing Center
- Internal Medicine
- Behavioral Health

Services on the first floor, south of the information desk, include:

- Emergency Department
- Imaging
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- BioMed
- Laboratory
- Intensive Care Unit
- Acute Care
- Respiratory Therapy
- EMS
- EVS
- Customer Relations
- Gift Shop

Services on the second floor include:

- Audiology
- Dental Clinic
- Eye Clinic
- Women's Clinic
- Surgery, Foot and Wound Clinic
- Diabetes Care Center
- Surgery Center
- Women's Care 2

Services on the third flood include:

- Administration
- Medisaw
- Tribal Health Programs
- Inpatient Physical Therapy

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., in Ada, Okla. For directions to the hospital, please call (580) 436-3980 or (800) 851-9136 or visit www.chickasaw.net/chickasawnation-medicalcenter

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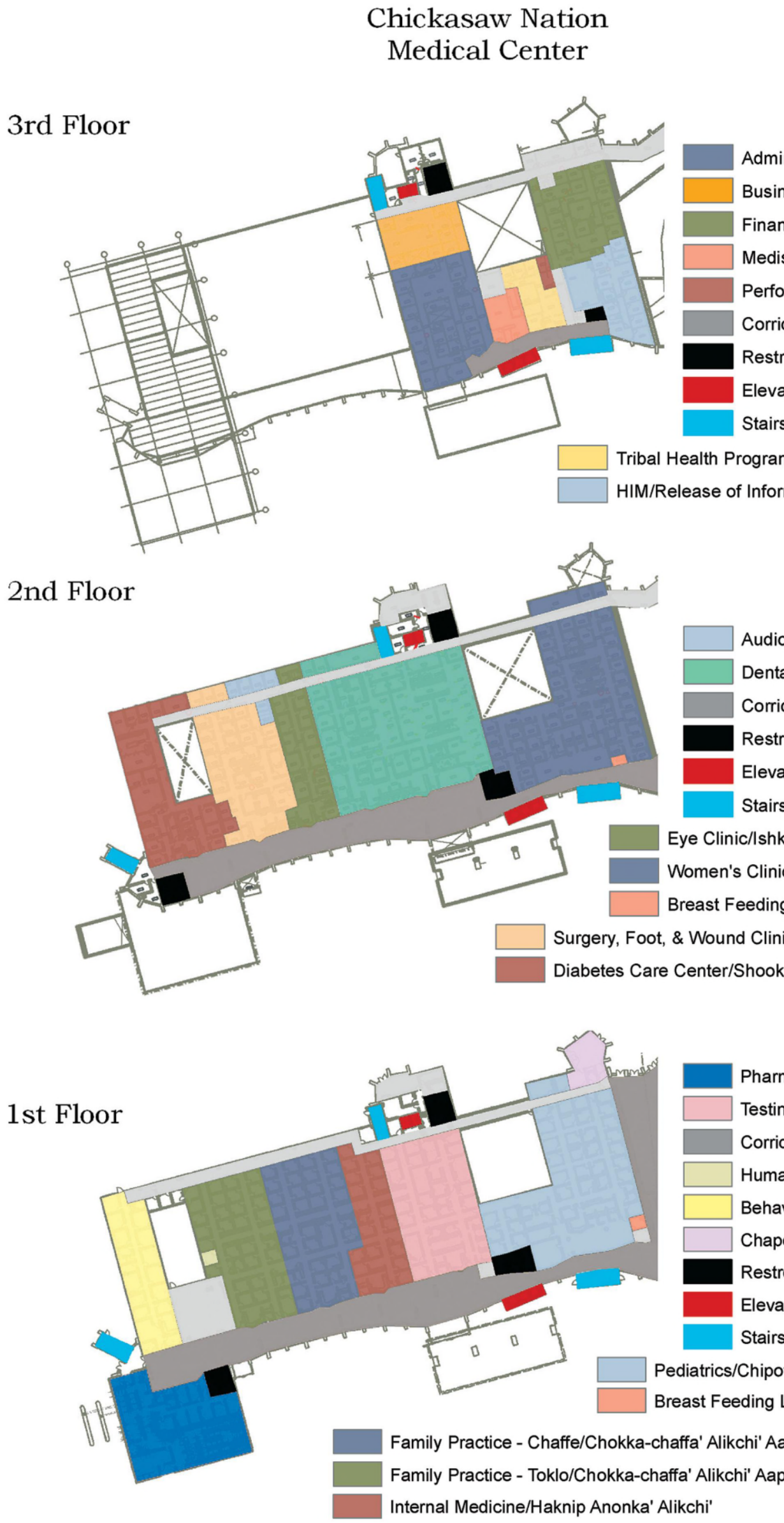

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- Acute Care 3/Abika' Finha' Aa-apila' Tochchi'na
- Breast Feeding Lounge/Aapishichi'
- Inpatient Physical Therapy
- IT Training Room
- HIM/Release of Information
- Corridor/Hinoshi'
- Restroom
- Elevators
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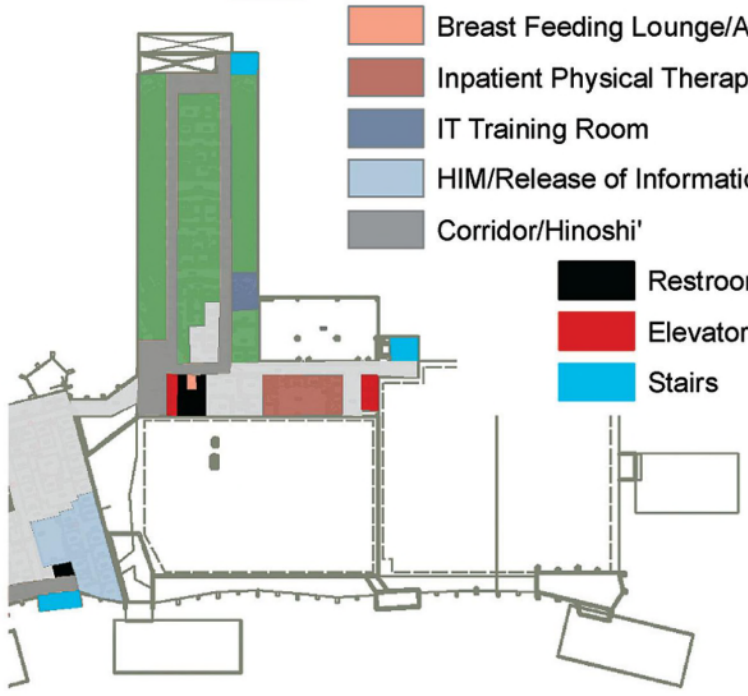

2nd Floor

- Surgery Center/Aabashli'
- Women's Care 2 / Ihoo Alhiha' Aa-apila'
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- Women's Clinic/Ihoo Alikchi' Aapisa'
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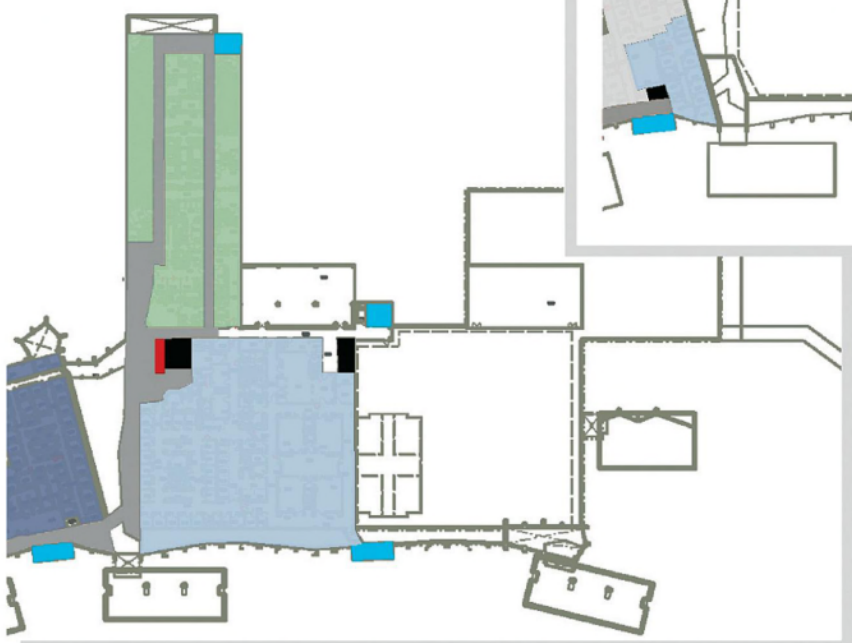

1st Floor

- Acute Care 1/Abika' Finha' Aa-apila' Chaffa
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Cafe'/Aaimpabooha'
- Chapel/Aaittanaha'
- Customer Relations/Hatak Alhiha' Apila'
- Emergency Department
- Gift Shop/Nanna Aachompa'
- Admissions
- Laboratory
- EMS
- EVS
- Restroom
- Elevators
- Stairs
- BioMed
- Imaging
- Security
- Housekeeping
- Information Technology
- Pediatrics/Chipota Alikchi' Aapisa'
- Respiratory Therapy
- Breast Feeding Lounge/Aapishichi'
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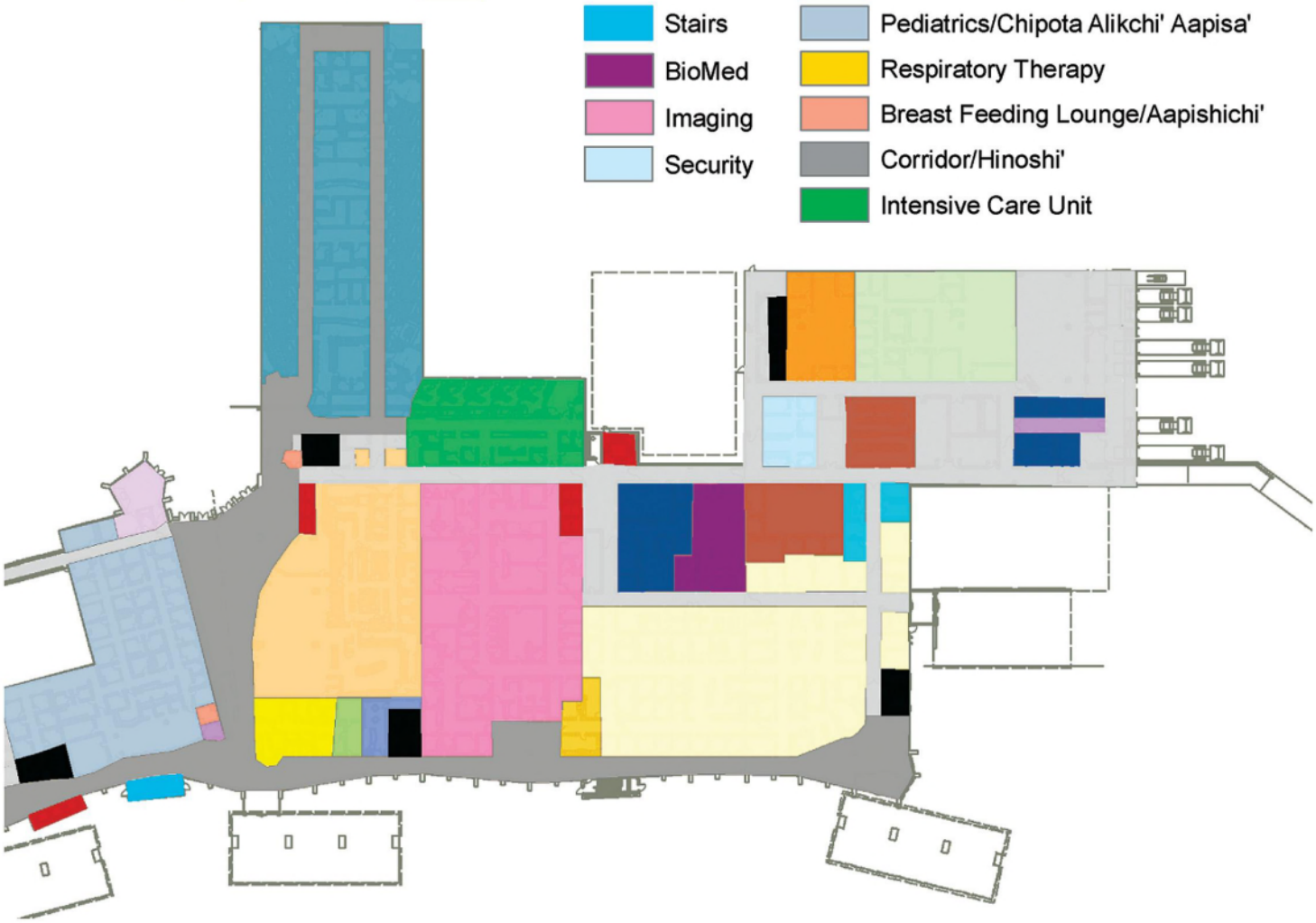

Chickasaw citizens participate in filming of scenes of the Great Removal reenactment

DAVIS, Okla. - More than 125 Chickasaw citizens worked together to re-create a portion of the Great Removal recently.

Filming of the Great Removal reenactment took place in late July at the Chickasaw Ranch, located near Davis.

Chickasaw people moved to Indian Territory during the Great Removal, on what was called the "Trail of Tears." Other tribes forced to relocate were the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole. The Chickasaws were one of the last to move. In 1837, the Treaty of Doaksville called for the resettlement of the Chickasaws among the Choctaw tribe in Indian Territory.

The reenactment was produced by the Chickasaw Nation, and spearheaded by the tribal Division of Communications, Media and Community Development.

When complete, the film will be shown at various locations and events in the Chickasaw Nation.

It was produced to document the tribe's history and story for future generations.

Chickasaws of all ages and walks of life volunteered to be involved in the project.

Ninety-one year old Katherine McGuire, of Sulphur, Okla., was the oldest participant.

She said she enjoyed all three days of filming, despite the July heat.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," she said.

Her assignment was to ride in a wagon on the trail.

"I hadn't ridden in a wagon since before I had my second child, which was 1942," she said.

Irene Digby, 88, of Davis, also participated.

It was a family matter for the Harjos. Brandon, 26, his father, Gerald, and 6-year-old nephew Oscar Bunner, all of Ada, participated in the filming.

"We heard about it and we are proud to be a part of it. It is a good opportunity to be a part of something special," said Gerald.

Julie Underwood, 15, participated in a prior Removal reenactment film when she was 7.

"It gives me a better understanding of what it was like to be on the Trail of Tears," she said.

Theatre students from the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy received some real-world training while helping on location of the shoot.

"We have helped with the lighting, blocked the script, helped hang up signs, just anything we can help with," said fourth year Arts Academy student Jordan Hall, of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Several scenes, including a camping scene and burial scene, were filmed during the three- day shoot.

Including the actors, five wagons, one dog, 14 horses and a helicopter were used in the filming.

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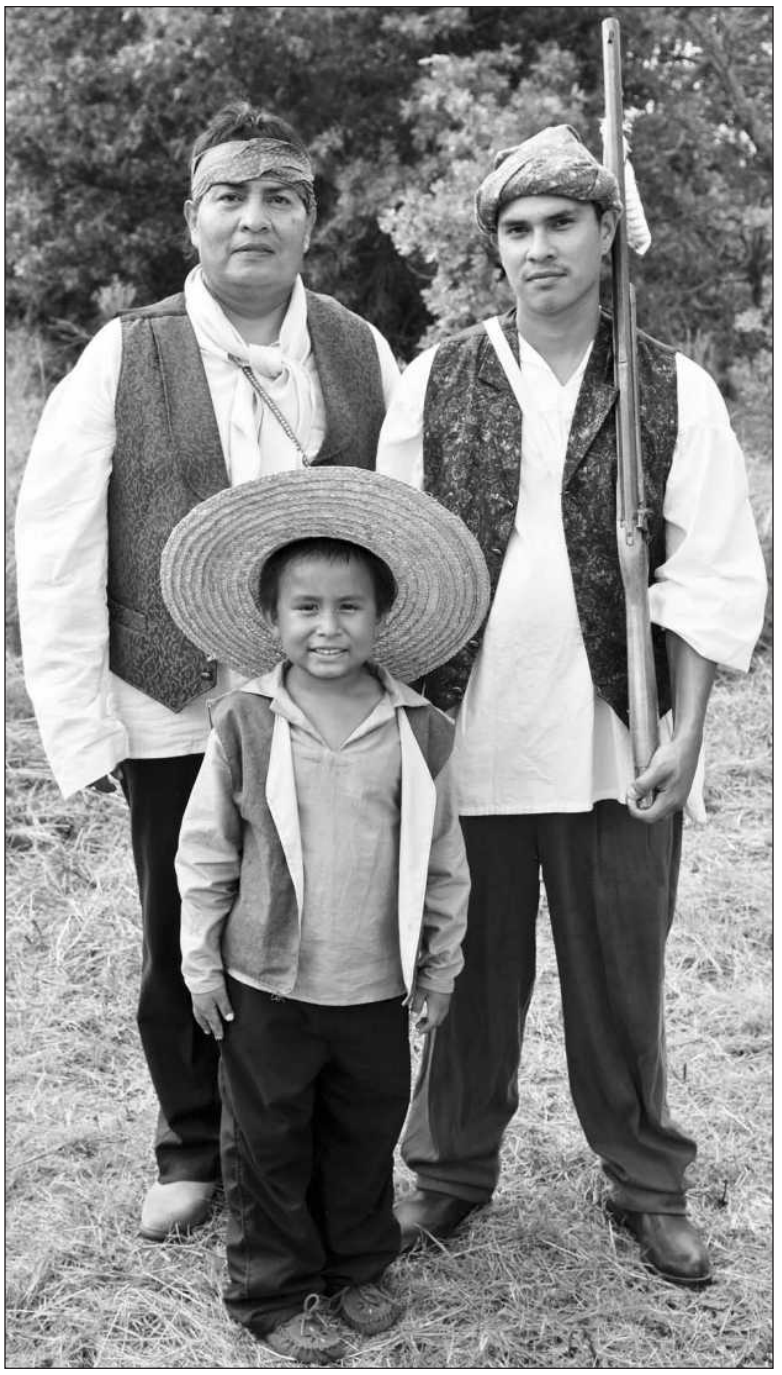

Father and son Gerald and Brandon Harjo and nephew Oscar Bunner, 6, participate in a reenactment filming of the Great Removal.

Chickasaw authors, storyteller to join others from Civilized Tribes for Indian Story Conference

MUSKOGEE, Okla. - Several Chickasaw authors and storytellers will be among the featured presenters at the upcoming Five Tribes Story Conference in Muskogee.

The conference will be hosted by the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and will bring together some of Indian Country's most renowned authors, storytellers and academics. The conference will be Sept. 24 and 25.

Chickasaw authors Linda Hogan and Phillip Morgan, and Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins are on the program.

Throughout the two-day event, tribal historians and native speakers will discuss topics including the Trail of Tears, the Indian boarding school experience and much more.

Other presenters include Cherokee author Diane Glancy; Cherokee researcher and museum archivist Dr. Dan Littlefield; Choctaw elder and language instructor Richard Adams; Bacone College Center for American Indians assistant vice president Creek Dr. Pete Coser; and Cherokee poet and storyteller Dr. Les Hannah.

Indian storytellers, in addition to Ms. Robins, include Seminole Phillip Harjo; Cherokee Choogie Kingfisher; Choctaws Tim Tingle and Stella Long; and Cherokee Ryan Mackey.

The event offers the opportunity to share family experiences and hear history and accounts from an Indian perspective.

There will also be free evening concerts open to the public.

The Five Civilized Tribes Museum is on the Bacone College campus in Muskogee.

The event is made possible in part by the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"Most Indians grow up hearing stories of how we arrived in Indian Territory and the problems we encountered and overcame," museum co-founder Greg Rodgers said. "For the first time, we hope to bring together Five Tribes members from all fields. This conference is both a gift to the general public and an inspiration to the writer."

The fee for daytime events is $10 per day.

For more information and to register, please visit www.fivetribestory.org or call the museum at (918) 683-1701.

Letter to Editor

Thank you so much for letting us be a part of your celebration. The Cultural Center was so beautiful.

We got to meet a lot of Dignitaries and ate lunch with some of the Oklahoma Times People.

I loved the ladies in their native costumes. We are going to come back so w can stay longer. We love Sulphur and Turer Falls.

Thanks
Gloria J Miller

Hoopsters tourney Sept. 24-26 in Ada

The Hoopsters Third Annual basketball tournament is scheduled for September 24, 25 and 26 in Ada.

The tournament will be played at the "old" Chickasaw Nation gym on the campus of tribal headquarters.

Entry fees are $125 for both men's and women's teams. One-half of the entry fee must be made by Sept. 20 to reserve a spot in the bracket.

First-place teams will receive long-sleeve t-shirts, and second-place teams will receive t-shirts.

For more information, please call Winn Harjo at (580) 320-1955 or Ashley Young at (580) 310-2341.

Holden and John Family Reunion set for September 25

The grandchildren of Walter Holden and Mary John (Holden) and in honor of the only living sibling, Juanita Holden-Evans, invite all family and friends to the reunion from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Choctaw Community Center, Durant, Okla. (On Main Street, go approximately two miles, watch for Big Lots sign, turn right, then go 1/2 mile, turn left.) Watch for Signs.

For more information or to RSVP call (580) 775-2065.

Bring photos. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and live entertainment will be provided.

Two Chickasaw students are past recipients

Nominate students now for the Gates Millennium Scholarship

The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program is looking for students who have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities.

You can nominate an outstanding student for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. Nomination forms are available at www.gmsp.org

Nominations are now being accepted for the Fall 2011 semester. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 11, 2011.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is funded through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The program gives eligible first-year college undergraduate students the opportunity to complete a degree from a four-year accredited college in any field of study.

Two Chickasaw students have received this prestigious scholarship in the past.

Latisha Stick is working on a bachelor's degree in legal studies at East Central University.

Katie Johnson received her bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2009 from East Central University. Ms. Johnson is now working on her master's degree in secondary education at East Central.

To be eligible for the Gates Millennium Scholarship, students must be American Indian/Alaska Native, African American, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American. Students must be citizens, national or legal permanent residents of the United States with at least a 3.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be a first-time college student for the Fall 2011 semester.

For more information on the Gates Millennium Scholars Program please visit www.gmsp.org or contact The American Indian Graduate Center Scholars by phone at (866) 884-7007 or visit www.aigcs.org.

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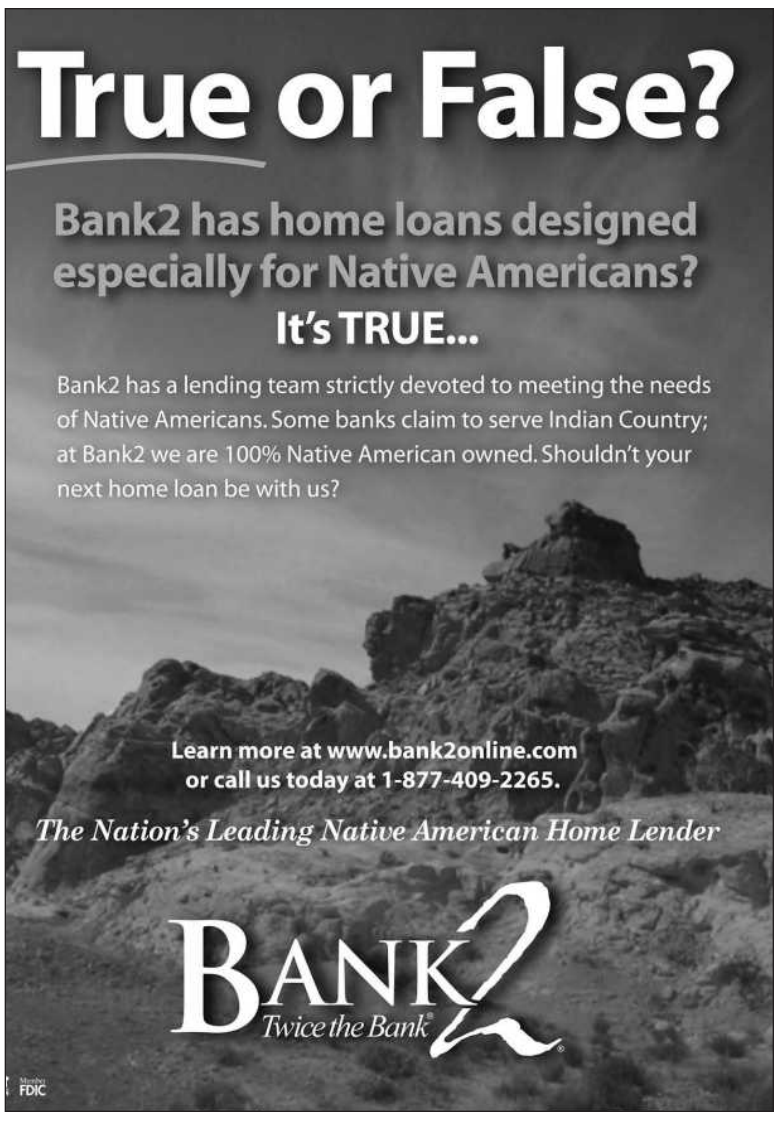
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Kullihoma fall deer permit requests now available; deadline Sept. 20

Special Permit Requests for Kullihoma Fall Deer Season Hunt and Youth Deer Season Hunt are now available at the Chickasaw Conservation and Ranger Department.

The department office is located at 221 N. Rennie in Ada, Okla., and the phone number is (580) 310-6466.

Permit Requests must be completed and returned to the department office no later than 5 p.m., Sept. 20.

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Special Permit Request form and Youth Special Permit Request Form are included in this issue of the Chickasaw Times.

Dates of the Kullihoma hunts are:

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Students experience law enforcement during Lighthorse Police Academy

ADA, Okla. - Twenty-six Chickasaw students learned the ropes of law enforcement during the third annual Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Academy, July 26-29 at the Lighthorse Police Department in Ada.

The students spent four days learning about firearms, crime scenes, traffic stops and finger printing.

Physical training, a tour of the Pontotoc County Jail, first aid lessons and a drug dog demonstration were also part of the unique academy.

"This academy provides an excellent opportunity to our youth who may be interested in serving and protecting their community by providing them with both a classroom and hands-on learning experience on the various duties associated the law enforcement profession," said Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal.

Cadets were issued utility belts for the duration of the academy, and learned how to use handcuffs and utilized a shooting simulator.

Tristen Wood, 15, said he learned police officers "do a lot more than I expected."

The Ada resident said he enjoyed learning how to fire a gun properly during the academy.

Ada seventh grader Kevin Hickman said he enjoyed the crime scene lesson the most.

A mock crime scene investigation was conducted during a visit to Ada's CLEET (Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training) facility. Cadets learned how to take fingerprints and participated in mock traffic stops while at CLEET.

Mirah Scott, 14, of Davis, Okla., returned to the academy for the second consecutive year.

"I learned how to shoot this year, we did a lot more activities than I expected. I am so sore," she said.

For more information about Lighthorse Police, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Cadets of the 2010 Lighthorse Police Academy with Lighthorse officers.

Justice O'Neal, Ada, and Caleb McGehee, Marietta, Okla., practice using handcuffs during the Lighthorse Police Academy.

Colton Dresser, Sulphur, Okla., and Cameron Miller, Ada, learned more about the duties of law enforcement and the Lighthorse Police Department at Chickasaw National Lighthorse Police Academy, conducted in July.

Bus 'Roadeo' brings tribal transit drivers out to test skills

Several bright orange traffic cones marked the course for the second annual Bus Roadeo, conducted in conjunction with the Oklahoma Tribal Transit Council Seminar.

The seminar was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation at WinStar World Casino, July 25-26.

Thirteen tribal transit drivers from all over Oklahoma competed in the Bus Roadeo, which included a timed obstacle course with several driving challenges.

A final speed challenge was monitored by Lighthorse Police and judges were managers of tribal transportation programs around Oklahoma.

Drivers had to reach 20 miles-per-hour and then stop a few inches from an orange cone without knocking it to the pavement.

Kelly Shawn, assistant of Technical Assistance Programs for the Community Transportation Association in Washington, D.C., helped judge the event.

"The Bus Roadeo helps recognize the transit drivers and their daily efforts to provide secure and safe transportation to riders," he said.

Johnny Kemp, a driver for the Muscogee-Creek Nation, said the conference was a confidence builder.

"We learned how to communicate with passengers and more about the variety of equipment we work with everyday," he said.

The Roadeo, he said, "really puts your driving skills to the test."

Winners of the Roadeo were: first place Christine Rogers, Muscogee-Creek Nation ; second place Donny Price, Chickasaw Nation; third place William Jesse, Muscogee-Creek Nation.

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A driver maneuvers through a sea of orange cones during the second annual OTTC Bus Roadeo, conducted recently at WinStar World Casino.

National Night Out focuses on cooperation between tribe, agencies

ADA, Okla. – More than 800 local residents took a stand against crime during the seventh annual National Night Out, conducted August 3 on ECU's campus.

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, City of Ada and East Central University, the event is designed to help promote local anti-crime programs, and to honor members of local law enforcement agencies for the work they do to keep the community safe and secure.

"National Night Out highlights the daily cooperative efforts among tribal, state and local agencies and promotes positive interaction among the youth and law enforcement. We are pleased to be a part of this special night," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

More than two dozen uniformed officers were recognized and honored during the event.

"They may not be rock stars, they may not be athletes, but they do jobs that are far more important so we should at least recognize them once a year, Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation administrator for Youth and Family Services Division said.

"It takes a lot of people and agencies to protect and defend our community. These men and women make a difference in our lives everyday. Their hard work improves our quality of life."

Each participating agency was recognized with a plaque, including Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department, Ada Police Department, Chickasaw Nation BIA firefighters, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Pontotoc County Sheriff's office, Ada Police, Ada Fire, East Central Police, Oklahoma National Guard and the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard.

The event included a National Night Out proclamation from Ada's Mayor, Mr. Darrell Nemecek and a welcome by ECU president John Hargrave.

The Chickasaw Princesses performed the "The Lord's Prayer" and the tribal honor guard posted the colors just prior to the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

The event also featured booths with information about good nutrition, vocational rehabilitation services and fire safety and other important issues.

The crowd also enjoyed hot dogs and bottled water, along with fun games and face painting.

Mardy Hill said her five-year-old son Braden enjoyed the inflatable toys.

"We have come every year, since Braden was a baby. We enjoy just being out with the community and the activities."

Braden said he enjoyed playing on the "bouncy things" and made a hole-in-one at the golf game offered by the Lazer Zone Family Fun Center booth.

Members of the Chickasaw Martial Arts program, a drug dog demonstration and "Bloodline", a local music group, provided entertainment throughout the evening.

National Night Out was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984 as a means of increasing participation in neighbor watch participation. Ada is one more than 15,000 communities around the nation and Canada, and on military bases who took part in the 2010 event.

The 2009 Ada event was honored for the fourth consecutive year as one of the best in the United States. It was ranked 18th in cities with population less than 15,000 citizens.

The Chickasaw Nation, the City of Ada and East Central University have shared the award for from the NATW five times in six years.

Emma Folsom

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Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Camp teaches students fun and safety

Young Chickasaw students improved their shooting skills at Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Learn to Shoot Straight) Camp, July 21-23. The camp was conducted by the Chickasaw Nation Divisions of Education and Youth and Family Services.

A total of 17 youngsters participated in the camp, which was at the Ada community center gym and the Lighthorse Police Department.

"This camp gives students the opportunity to experience archery and shooting in one camp," said Clovis Hamilton, activities specialist. "We want the students to learn as much as they can about both of these sports."

The three-day camp instructed students on shooting air pistols and rifles as well as bows. All of the participants were excited for the chance to take target practice. The students were led by instructors, who taught them how to stand, hold and aim the weapons.

"Marksmanship camp is a good way to teach gun safety and proper handling," said Lighthorse Officer Brent Harper. "The kids enjoy learning and the Lighthorse Police Department enjoys teaching them."

On the last day of camp, the participants competed in numerous competitions for accuracy, improvement and technique. The winners from each category were awarded prizes.

Kelsey McKay, of Tupelo, Okla., was awarded the prize for the top overall girl in the shooting category.

"This was my first year to come to an archery or shooting camp, but I have been hunting with my parents for a few years," said Kelsey. "I learned a lot and plan to come back next summer."

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Front row from left, Blayne Walker, Carter Anderson, Cole Keeling and Karlen Harris. Back row from left, Thomas McGehee and Jaja Felix.

Kelsey McKay aims at her target.

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Families, kids celebrate 'I Love My Child' at Family Fun Day

Participants get ready to launch balloons Aug. 2.

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From left, Darlene Adams and Madelyn Alexander participate in the Walk in the Park at Wintersmith Park in Ada Aug. 14.

Zack Hess, 10, Stratford, Okla., throws a football at the Family Fun Day Aug. 21.

"I Love My Child."

Simple words that mean so much. Our children, their parents and child support workers were celebrated by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services during national Child Support Awareness Month in August.

The department recognized those committed to making emotional and financial differences in the lives of children.

"It's really to recognize the work the child support professionals throughout the nation are doing to bring attention to the importance of child support – whether it be financially or emotionally," said Gwen Postoak, special projects coordinator for the department. "It's also to recognize the parents, who have been responsible, and the part that they play in a child's life."

The month-long celebration kicked off Aug. 2. with a balloon Launch from the parking lot of Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services.

A Walk in the Park was conducted Aug. 14 at the Wintersmith Park in Ada, where more than 30 people showed their support by walking the trails.

"We appreciate everybody who has come out and given us support," Mrs. Postoak said. "I think it makes a strong statement when your community shows up."

Darlene Adams said she was at the event for "my sons and grandsons and all my little nephews and nieces."

"This event is important because these children are important regardless of race, creed, color or background," said the 58-year-old Ada native.

The celebration culminated Aug. 21 with a Family Fun Day at the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family parking lot.

The free event included children's crafts, martial arts demonstration, a self-defense demonstration by Lighthorse Police officers, face painting, inflatable toys, a children's book give away by the tribal Head Start program, live broadcast from KYKC radio station, Oklahoma Blood Institute blood drive as well as performances by Oklahoma Talent Queen Skyler McQueen and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

Lighthorse Police officers Michael Holloway, left, and Phillip Wood demonstrate self-defense at the Family Fun Day Aug. 21.

Randi Williams said the event was a good way to spend some "positive" time with her children.

"It's good to show our children that we enjoy spending time with them, we enjoy being with them and we love them," said the 29-year-old from Ada.

Free transportation to the event for the families living in the Ada city limits was provided by the tribal Road to Work program.

In addition to the three events, the department also conducted a food drive benefitting the Ada-area youth shelter.

"Budgets are being cut throughout the state and we thought it was good for us to give back to the community and help in some way." Mrs. Postoak said.

Each year millions of children nationwide are affected financially due to parental separations. The Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services is cracking down on unfulfilled child support obligations by assisting families in the state of Oklahoma.

In 2009, the department collected and distributed more than $3.4 million in child support; established or acknowledged paternity for more than 1,600 children and established new child support orders for more than 1,900 families. The Chickasaw Nation Child Support Services program continues its efforts to improve and exceed previous accomplishments in the upcoming year.

For more information or assistance in child support services, call (866) 431-3419 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Students immersed in judicial system during Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa

More than 30 Chickasaw students, ages eight to 14, learned the operations of the tribal court systems during Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation) Aug. 2 – 3.

Organized by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Justice, the court camp teaches students about the tribal judicial system. Students learn how tribal district, supreme and peacemaking courts operate, and what each of their roles entail.

"We are hoping that someday these kids would want to grow up to be lawyers, deputy court clerks, court advocates, justices or judges and come back and work for the Nation," Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon said.

Sierra Lahoma, 12, of Ardmore, Okla., participates in the court camp mock trial Aug. 3. In the background, Chickasaw Nation Judge Aaron Duck.

At this year's camp, students also learned about the role of the tribal legislature and the responsibilities of Lighthorse Police officers and probation officers.

The students also visited the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Training Center in Ada, the jail facility in Sulphur, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The two-day camp ended with a mock trial at the tribal District Court in Ada.

The mock trial allowed students to play the roles of prosecutors, defense attorneys, defendants, plaintiffs, members of the jury, witnesses and bailiff.

Kevin Hickman, who played the assistant to the defense attorney, said he prepared for the trial by going through the witness statements, highlighting important points and thinking of questions to ask.

The 13-year-old from Stratford, Okla., wants to be a police officer when he grows up and has always been interested in "law enforcement and court stuff."

The lessons on the judicial, legislative and executive branches of the government, Kevin said, will help him in school with his social studies.

Kevin encouraged other students to participate in the camp because "it's a fun camp and you don't have to work that hard and you get to play a role in the court."

And that is exactly why the participation in the camp has tripled since its inception in 2008, according to Justice Bellefeuille-Gordon.

"The kids are coming back or introducing the camp to their friends because they are having so much fun," she said. "And they really like the role-playing."

For more information about the camp, please visit www.chickasaw.net of contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or Connie.Tillery@Chickasaw.net.

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Kevin Hickman, left, assists Chickasaw Nation attorney Ash Mayfield at the court camp mock trial Aug. 3. Mike McKee

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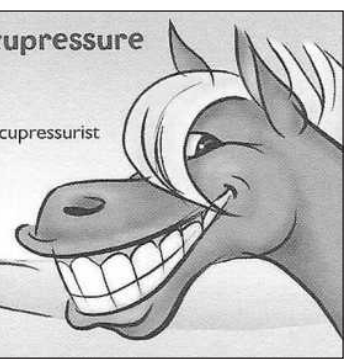

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Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has full-time openings within the tribal boundaries for **Physicians in the following specialties:**

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- Psychiatrist, Ada
- Outpatient Internal Medicine, Ada
- Hospitalist, Ada
- Pediatrician, Ada
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New recipes provide great ways to prepare basic foods

Kyler Byford (right), 12, Madill, Okla., helps his mother Carrie Byford, 35, cut cucumbers for a salad at the Get Fresh! kitchen located at Family Life Center in Ada, Okla., June 30.

A new Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services project seeks to improve the lives of Native American families by encouraging them to prepare healthy and nutritious meals at home using the foods in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) package.

"Recipes Wrapped with Love" encourages the FDPIR families and low-income Native Americans eligible to participate in FDPIR, to increase the consumption of whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables as well as maximize the usage of the foods in the current FDPIR food package. It will do so through a Recipes Wrapped with Love Toolkit, containing recipes, 30-day menu, shopping lists and snack ideas.

The one-year project is a United States Department of Agriculture grant and is currently in its third stage, where 12 families are completing the testing of the recipes to be included in the toolkit, said Roxanna Newsom, food distribution manager.

The first two stages of the project comprised of collection and development of recipes as well as recruitment and nutrition education of the testing families. During the final stage of the project, the results of the recipe testing will be compiled to create the toolkit, which will then be distributed to FDPIR families and other low-income Native Americans eligible to participate in FDPIR.

"The recipes are developed in such a way that they totally maximize the food package," Mrs. Newsom said. "We want people to realize that it can taste good and be healthy too."

The recipes, containing low-fat, low-sugar and low-sodium ingredients, were collected, reviewed and modified by registered dieticians.

The families were recruited from three nutrition center facilities in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell and two tailgates in Marlow and Achille.

After completing a round of testing at home, the families recently gathered at the Get Fresh! kitchen located in the Family Life Center in Ada, Okla., to test some lunch recipes.

Ramon Airington of Wynnewood, Okla., said his family has had fun being part of the project as "it's fairly easy."

The 76-year-old also said he has lost 13 pounds since he started testing recipes for the project.

The "user-friendly and long-lasting" toolkit is expected to be available for distribution by the end of the year, Mrs. Newsom said. The toolkit will also be available to any entity interested in reproducing the project within their program.

For more information, contact the Nutrition Services Department at (888) 436-7255.

About Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is an alternative to the Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program is designed to promote the health and well-being of the Indian population by raising nutrition levels among low-income households.

Benefits include nutrition education, food demonstrations, cooking classes and food packages with a wide variety of food choices, including fresh produce and frozen meats. Nutrition education and commodity foods are available through FDP grocery stores at nutrition centers in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell as well as two tailgates in Marlow and Achille.

The program serves about 4,800 participants each month. For more information on store locations and hours as well as appointments for tailgates, please call (888) 436-7255.

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Ramon Airington prepares meat for tacos at the Get Fresh! kitchen located at Family Life Center in Ada, Okla., June 30. Mr. Airington's family is one of the 12 families testing recipes as part of the "Recipes Wrapped with Love" project.

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Much has improved over 30 years

New tribal medical center marks advance of care

Dr. John Garber, right, checks Tom Thompson's eyes at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

On July 1, 1980, the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility eye clinic, managed by Dr. John Garber, was the first clinic to welcome patients.

"On that day, medical records had to start making charts, telephone operators had to start receiving phone calls and appointments had to start being made," said Dr. Garber. "It triggered the whole process of the hospital."

The first patient was Tom Thompson, of Anadarko, Okla.

Thirty years later, history has repeated itself. Mr. Thompson was the first patient Dr. Garber welcomed to the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

"It feels great to be chart number one again," Mr. Thompson said.

He also said he was very impressed by the new hospital.

"The Chickasaw Nation has something that we all can really be proud of," Mr. Thompson said.

Located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, Okla., the 370,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art health care facility is almost triple the size of Carl Albert. Features include a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center, women's health center, administrative offices, tribal health programs, and a centrally located "town center" bridging the centers of patient care.

Dedication of the new hospital was July 19 with more than 1,000 tribal officials, citizens, employees and guests in attendance.

Dr. Garber lauded the efficient opening of the new hospital.

"Every I is dotted and every T is crossed to open the hospital smoothly and provide the best patient care from the moment we open the doors," he said.

Things were possibly not quite as smooth for the Carl Albert opening in 1980.

"When I walked in my door, there was a desk sitting in my office and a chair for the patient to sit in and nothing else," Dr. Garber said. "Not even a chair for me to sit in."

Over the next two weeks, Dr. Garber borrowed equipment from other Indian Health Service facilities in Oklahoma and Kansas "because my equipment would still not come in for months."

Despite the rocky start, the eye clinic continued to serve the Native American community with several notable achievements along the way.

"We were actually one of the national leaders in developing telemedicine diabetic retinopathy care in association with the Dean McGee Eye Institute and the Indian Health Service," Dr. Garber said. "And now telemedicine is being used to provide care to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. It's being used in radiology throughout the nation."

Diabetic retinopathy is an eye disorder in which the blood vessels of the retina are damaged by diabetes, causing blindness. According to a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, more than 25 percent of diabetes patients over age 40 have diabetic retinopathy.

Pioneered by the Chickasaw Nation and Inoveon Corporation and implemented in January 1998, the "gold standard" diabetic retinopathy care system allowed transmission of the digital images of the retina taken at CAIHF eye clinic, over the Internet to Nashville, Tenn., where the three-dimensional images are evaluated by highly trained retinal readers.

By bringing the diagnostic skills of the nation's leading eye care experts to the CAIHF patients, the system produced timely diagnosis of the disease.

The clinic also continued to lead in eye care with an ophthalmology retinal clinic. Dr. Stephen Fransen of Dean McGee Eye Institute travels to Ada monthly to examine patients with retinal diseases such as diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

"The patients are treated right here in the clinic so people have the geographic and hospital comfort of receiving the care in their own institution without having to drive all the way to Oklahoma City," Dr. Garber said.

The model has now been imitated by many IHS clinics to manage diabetes and retinal disease.

Technology has always been a foundation of improved health care at the Chickasaw Nation.

"When there is new technology which enhances care, then we have always tried to figure out a cost-effective way of providing it," Dr. Garber said.

In 1988, CAIHF was the first IHS clinic out of more than 170 to purchase a Humphrey's visual field analyzer, which revolutionized the treatment of glaucoma and neurological diseases such as brain tumor, he said.

At the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the latest digital technologies are available for patient care. The region's only 256-slice Computer Tomography (CT) scan enables health care providers to detect blockage in the heart early and prevent patients from undergoing invasive cardiac procedures.

With the new medical center designed and equipped to offer the highest level of health care, the eye clinic will have more examination rooms and staff.

"Instead of having two doctors and two externs, it (the eye clinic) has been designed to have three doctors, three externs and two technicians," he said.

The increased staffing will allow the clinic to serve even more patients.

The tribe's success in improving overall patient care, Dr. Garber said, was outstanding.

"The primary goal is to take care of Chickasaws," he said. "But the overall goal is to enhance care for all Indian people and for all people in the community where Chickasaw people are located, by raising the bar. Thirty years of career in working with the Chickasaw Nation has been one of the top three blessings in my life."

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FIRST BABY | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

From left, Melinda Ward, Rheysa Ross, Briar Lane Ross, James Ross and Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010.

Marcy Gray

vision of Health staff, which moved to the new Medical Center from Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in July, was also looking forward to the first birth.

"Our staff in Women's Health, including nurses and providers, were filled with joy as we welcomed this young Chickasaw baby boy into the world," said tribal Division of Health Dr. Judy Goforth Parker said.

Dr. Parker was "delighted" the first baby born was a grandchild of "a faithful employee."

Briar's maternal grandmother is Melinda Ward. Mrs. Ward has been employed with the tribe for 15 years and is the manager of the Ada Wellness Center.

"I am glad he (Briar) was born at the new hospital," a beaming Mrs. Ward said. "We couldn't have asked for a better staff. They were wonderful."

Mrs. Ross was born at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility 24 years prior to Briar's birth at the new hospital.

Briar's maternal grandfather is Randy Ward. His paternal grandparents are Charles and Ella Ross, and the late Carma Ross. His great-grandmother is Wanda Jean (Stick) Wyche and his great-great-grandfather is the late Morris Stick, an original enrollee.

The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is located at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd. in Ada, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA
"Ancient to Abstract" Art Exhibit with Tracie Davis
September 3-24, (580) 272-5520

Revenge of the Bulls
October 22-23, (580) 421-7728

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

EMET
Harvest Fest
October 16, 580-235-7343

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

KULLIHOMA
Elders Day
September 10, (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Linda O'Hagen, 405-350-3311 or 405-409-3556

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Annual Meeting and Festival
September 26-October 2

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly , 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-980-1368

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Quarterly, 2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.(with CCC of Central Texas)
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Pacific Northwest Community Council

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us Saturday, August 28 for our first anniversary celebration!!

We also wish to thank our citizens, the Nation, Sharon Nelson, Vickye Gordon, Michele Cooke, and all those involved with our council's launch. We hope to continue building on our successful start as we plan towards the future.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, November 13 – Marshall Center - Vancouver WA

Speaker: TBD

Further Details to Come

Museum to host Frontier Day

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Greater Southwest Historical Museum will host its annual Museum Frontier Day on September 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will be outdoors on the museum's grounds and will feature a variety of frontier themed activities including gunfighters, an Old West reenactment group, horse rides, Chickasaw Indian dancers, and numerous games and activities for children.

Admission cost is $1 for children under 16 and $2 for adults. With the price of admission, those attending will be served a lunch from the museum's pioneer chuck wagon including grilled hotdogs, chips, and sodas.

For more information contact the museum at (580) 226-3857 or visit the museum's website at www.gshm.org.

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Upward Bound students head to Texas, Colorado, D.C.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students recently concluded their 2010 summer session by moving from the classroom to several destinations across the country. After finishing five weeks of coursework at the Murray State College campus, students took part in week-long field trips to continue their education with an array of activities. This year they traveled to Dallas, Colorado Springs, Houston, and Washington, D.C.

The sophomores kicked things off by heading south to Dallas. Students toured a number of museums including the Holocaust Museum, Dallas Aquarium and The Sixth Floor Museum. The Sixth Floor Museum was a favorite as it provided students with details and information about the tragedy of President John F. Kennedy's death, but also showed students how captivating this event was to the nation.

Campus tours were provided by North Texas University and University of Texas in Arlington while the students were on the Dallas trip.

The following week, the juniors were given a break from the heat as they headed north to Colorado Springs. The students enjoyed exploring the canyon of the Royal Gorge, Cave of the Winds, the Ghost Town Museum, and the Manitou Cliff Dwellings where they learned about the Anazi Indians. However, according to most students, the ultimate highlight of the trip was the visit to the Flying W Ranch. Students ate an authentic chuck wagon meal and were entertained by the second-oldest western band in the United States: The Flying W Wranglers.

Our seniors traveled to Houston with their first stop being the Johnson Space Center. Students were able to tour the NASA grounds and receive an in-depth look at the astronaut training facility along with the many exhibits showcased there. They were given a behind-the-scenes tour of Minute Maid Park, home of the 2005 World Series Champions – the Houston Astros.

Later in the week the seniors spent a fun-filled day by the ocean in Galveston as well as a stopping by Schlitterbahn Water Park before their return home.

Closing out the series of 2010 summer session expeditions was the Bridge student trip to Washington, D.C. Students enjoyed a movie showing on the lawn of our nation's capitol.

They toured a variety of different museums the Smithsonian had to offer; namely the Native American Museum, the American History Museum, and the Natural History Museum. Students took a dinner cruise on the Potomac River, which offered them a chance to experience another cultural aspect of Washington, DC.

With the 2010 summer session completed, our focus now turns to the upcoming school year. In the next few months the academic advisors will begin recruiting students to join the program, and planning events and activities for the upcoming year.

From left, Shelby Mason, Chloe Papproth, Dawn Ryals, Georgia Minter, Christina Etheridge, Jazmine Rossi, Brandi Caylor, Tiffany Willis, Lindsay Clark, Candice Gonzalez at the Washington Monument.

From left, Lindsey Clark, Tiffany Willis, Chloe Papproth, Dawn Ryals, Shelby Mason, Georgia Minter in front of the White House.

Chickasaw Foundation seeking Native artwork for art auction

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The foundation is currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for the annual art auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 19. This reception recognizes donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007, the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship was established for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance).

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Leona Barron Memorial Scholarship to benefit female Chickasaw freshmen

Leona Barron

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the Leona Barron Memorial Scholarship established in Ms. Barron's memory by her family and friends. This scholarship is in the amount of $1,000 ($500 per semester) for a freshman, female Chickasaw student showing a compelling need and achieving in spite of difficult circumstances. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Students interested in making application for this scholarship may contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

'Levi Colbert Flag,' medal reveal alliances, bravery from the past

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The News Clipping

Sometimes, clues to discovering history are just dropped in your lap, or more likely these days, they arrive in your e-mail inbox.

Earlier this year, I received one from Mitch Caver, a Mississippian who does Chickasaw history research for the tribe. He said he had been in New Orleans and visited a museum to request information on Chickasaws who fought with Americans in the Creek wars and the famous Battle of New Orleans in 1815.

He got the idea after he had used a newspaper archive service and obtained a copy of an 1899 clipping from the *Sandusky* (Ohio) *Star* about some historical memorabilia in the possession of a Chickasaw Nation judge, Joe Kemp. Caver had attached the copy to the e-mail he sent to me.

Three items were listed in the article.

* The battle flag that "the Chickasaws used in the Battle of New Orleans when they assisted Andrew Jackson to defeat the English."

* A letter written by George Washington "acknowledging Chickasaws for their services in the war of Revolution" [American Revolutionary War].

* A "silver medal issued to [Chickasaw Chief] Levi Colbert by General Andrew Jackson in recognition of the services of the Chickasaws in the war of 1812.

This Indian Peace Medal was given to Chief Levi Colbert by President John Quincy Adams, or someone representing him. Adams hoped to persuade the Chickasaws to move west of the Mississippi. Photos are courtesy of the Oklahoma Historial Society.

Furthermore, the article said the battle flag "carried the original 13 stars of the Union" and on the "buckskin thongs that bound it to the flagstaff were the "blood stains of Chickasaw heroes who carried the flag in battle." Pretty stirring stuff, I thought. Maybe too stirring?

It seemed obvious that each item would be historically valuable and financially quite valuable in today's market. I had thoughts of tracking down the memorabilia to see if the owner might be willing to donate them to the tribe. So I contacted tribal genealogist Dinah Worcester to see who the descendants of Judge Kemp might be. But even before I had an answer Caver said he had learned that the medal and flag probably were at the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) in Oklahoma City.

Michelle Cooke, the Nation's director of Libraries, Archives, and Collections, had gotten wind of his research and told him that via her own research on her great aunt Czarina Colbert Conlan, she had discovered that Ms. Conlan had a role in the two items going to OHS. Conlan was not coincidentally a long-time employee of OHS and the great granddaughter of Levi Colbert, according to Cooke.

I e-mailed Jeff Briley, assistant director of OHS's Museum of History, who affirmed that OHS did indeed have the flag and medal, an Indian Peace Medal. He said he would locate the relevant paperwork and send me copies. I also asked for images of both items. The George Washington letter evidently was not donated by Kemp and its whereabouts is unknown.

According to historian Francis Paul Prucha in his book, "The Great Father," peace medals were distributed to Indian tribal leaders by the presidents and administration officials from George Washington through Andrew Jackson. They contained images of the current U.S. president and were considered by American officials to be a symbol of friendship between the U.S. and tribes. Many tribal members, in the wake of broken treaties, believed the medals came to be symbols of an aggressive American Empire.

Contents of the Joe Kemp Files

Briley sent me a packet of documentation on the medal and flag and e-mailed their images, which accompany this article. Probably the oldest document (though undated) was a narrative summary presumably prepared by Czarina Conlan from Joe Kemp's account.

According to the summary, the flag was carried "by the Chickasaw Indian Division that fought with General Andrew Jackson and the victorious Americans in the battle of New Orleans, January 8, 1815." Moreover, after the standard bearer was killed, Levi Colbert "rushed forward and recovered" the flag and carried it throughout the battle." At the battle's end, Gen. Jackson presented the flag to Colbert and recommended he be "awarded a medal for bravery and that the Chickasaw division be cited for distinguished service."

I thought of the irony of this scene in light of Jackson's pivotal role in the subsequent forced Removal of the Chickasaws to Indian Territory. The summary concludes with an obvious error: Colbert, it reads, was awarded his medal in 1824 by U.S. President John Quincy Adams. However, Adams didn't take office until 1825.

At any rate, the summary apparently was the only version of events for several decades. But other paperwork in the packet and at OHS provides conflicting information.

According to the original Accession Book, which I examined, Kemp loaned the medal in November 1921 and donated the flag in August 1940. (According to the society's research director Bill Welge, OHS sent letters in the 1960s to everyone who loaned items to OHS, asking them either to reclaim their loan or it would become the property of OHS by a certain date.)

Conlan, it is noted, received the medal and flag for OHS and would have had custody of them. A 1929 Tulsa World clipping found in the Kemp flag file at OHS mistakenly said that the flag belonged to Ms. Conlan, who in an accompanying photo posed in front of the flag where it was displayed in a frame in the historical museum at the State Capitol. The article also featured the same story that Levi Colbert had recovered the flag at the Battle of New Orleans and it was given to him as a reward by General Jackson.

The flag's whereabouts are unknown after 1929, but OHS moved into its new Wiley Post building in 1930 and perhaps at that time the flag was returned by Ms. Conlan to Joe Kemp. The notation in the Accessions Book reads: "This flag was carried by Levi Colbert, grandfather of C.C. Conlan."

The matter was raised again in 1983 when Betty Kemp, a Chickasaw librarian then living in Tupelo, Mississippi, wrote to OHS for information on the flag and medal. Kathy Dickson, then central services supervisor and now director of museums and historic sites, responded to Kemp.

As for the medal, Dickson wrote it was "extremely unlikely" that it was presented to Colbert for bravery by Jackson because the medal, dated 1825, has the image of John Quincy Adams who assumed the presidency that year and because peace medals were not awarded "for specific deeds" but as "gestures of goodwill." (Furthermore, I believe Jackson would not have presented a medal containing an image of his enemy, Adams, who had defeated him in the bitterly contested presidential election of 1824.)

Dickson thought Colbert probably had received the medal in October of 1826 when the Chickasaw Council met with U.S. officials to hear them tell the tribe that it should exchange its land for land west of the Mississippi River. I think it is more likely that the medal was presented to Colbert a year later by Thomas L. McKenney, director of the U.S. Office of Indian Affairs. They met at Colbert's house near Cotton Gin Port on the east bank of what is now the Tombigbee River in Monroe County, Mississippi.

According to James Atkinson in his book, "Splendid Land, Splendid People," McKenney was irritated with the American negotiation approach in 1826, which had not been persuasive to the Chickasaws. McKenney was more sympathetic. He said he could understand why the Chickasaws did not want to move, but he explained that moving west was in the tribe's best interest because, unlike where they were--increasingly surrounded by American intruders--they could live in peace without interference from Americans.

McKenney presented vouchers for cash payments to Levi Colbert and several other leaders, who might also have received medals and other presents or inducements. McKenney also arranged to have Levi Colbert's son, Dougherty, educated in the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C. in the 1820s.

What the Flag Tells Us

As for the flag, Dickson diplomatically wrote that the story about the flag "cannot be documented and in fact several things lead to other conclusions." Among them:

*The donated flag has 24 stars but the Union in 1815 had only 18 states.

*Missouri became the 24th state in 1821, after General Jackson's discharge from the Army and he could not have presented the items before then. Moreover,

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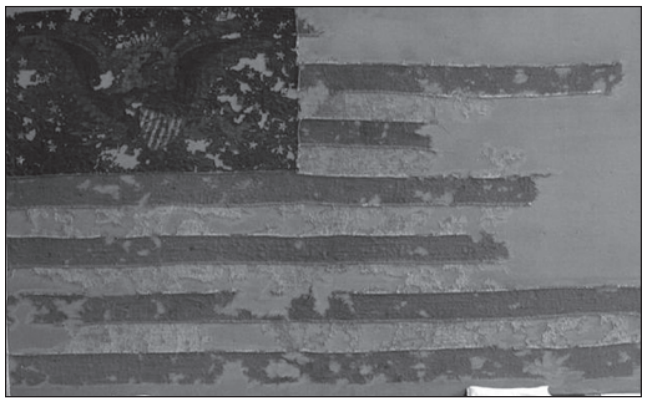
he held no official government position (except as member of U.S. Senate from 1823-24) until he became president in 1829. Dickson therefore thought it "very unlikely" that he would have presented the flag to Colbert until 1829, if he did at all, and she noted for what it was worth that 14 years would have passed between the Battle of New Orleans and Jackson's election.

*Documentation, she said, couldn't be found that Levi Colbert or a Chickasaw division was even at the 1815 battle or that Colbert had a military record. She did note that OHS's military records were not complete and referred Ms. Kemp to the National Archives in Washington.



Joe Kemp donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society this vintage 1820s American flag which was once owned by Chief Levi Colbert. It had been in his cousin's attic in Tishomingo wrapped around a broom handle when it was discovered in the 1920s.

Dickson concluded her report on the flag by writing "it is much more likely that the flag was presented on one of the Colberts' [referring to the Colbert brothers, Levi, George, James and William] trips to Washington.

Also, in the flag file is an OHS conservation report from 1979. The condition of the flag was termed "very bad" with about a 50 percent loss of fiber. Nonetheless, the flag was fumigated (taking four days), brushed and vacuumed. Mold, fungus spores and insect residue were all removed. A new backboard was constructed and the flag was placed in a glass case.

This canton part of the flag containing the 24 stars and eagle was a common design of the American flag in the early years of the nineteenth century. The flag is one of the oldest still in existence, even though only a bit more than half of it remains.

Fifteen years later in 1994, Edward Lee Kennedy, an American flag vexillologist (expert on the history and design), visually inspected OHS's "Levi Colbert Flag" and wrote a report containing background information, a description, his examination and conclusions.

Kennedy said his purpose was to help authenticate the flag not the events associated with it. But he agreed with Dickson's conclusion that it was "more plausible…that Levi would have been commended with an American flag of some special meaning. Certainly a gift to Levi of a hand painted flag such as this would have been commensurate with his heroic efforts during battle."

Evidently, both Dickson and Kennedy believed that Levi Colbert performed heroically at the battle but that he wasn't awarded the flag and medal until sometime between 1825 and his death in 1834.

Undoubtedly referring to the *Tulsa World* article, Kennedy wrote that Ms. Conlan found the flag wrapped around a broomstick in a cousin's attic in the 1920s, a century or more after her great grandfather Levi Colbert received it. There was no narrative signed by Ms. Conlan or Joe Kemp in the file nor could any be found by OHS's Research Division.

Enough remained of the flag to know it is approximately 46 by 80 inches and that the blue canton, which contains 24 stars arrayed around an eagle and shield, is different from what we are used to seeing in American flags. However, Kennedy wrote that flags with similarly designed cantons were common during

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 16, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Holly Easterling
Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
August 16, 2010
Present: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Holly Easterling
Finance Committee
August 9, 2010
Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Holly Easterling
Absent: Steve Woods
August 16, 2010
Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Holly Easterling
Health Care Committee
August 9, 2010
Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling
Human Resources Committee
August 9, 2010
Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Holly Easterling
Human Resources Committee
August 16, 2010
Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz
Absent: Holly Easterling
Land Development Committee
August 9. 2010
Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Holly Easterling
Absent: Steve Woods
Land Development Committee
August 16, 2010
Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods
Absent: Holly Easterling
Legislative Committee
August 16, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Holly Easterling

2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 16, 2010

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Katie Case, Scott Colbert (Late arrival, 9:04 a.m.), Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Member absent: Dean McManus

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Wendy Hawkins, Rita Loder, Jalena Walker, Jeff O' Dell, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Michael Watson, Mike McKee, Vicky Gold, Brittney Orr, Sabrina Johnson, Ashlee White, Seth Tinsley, Marcee Watt, Desiree Lyon, Kimberly Rose, Lori Barrett, Autumn Underwood, Chas Horton, Jared Alexander, Michah Hart, Aaron John Morgan Rutledge, Kayla Gamble, Zack Stepps, Kash Smith, Madeline Duty, Melody Perry

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - June 18, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of June 18, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2010 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 27-009, Amendments to Title 1, Section 1-406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation)

This resolution amends Title 1, Section 1-406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that former elected and appointed officials may display a likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation on cemetery headstones and other personal memorials. The language of the resolution guards against the use of a likeness of the Great Seal for any purpose other than showing the former elected and appointed officials' pride in being Chickasaw.

Mr. Scott Colbert arrived.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR27-009.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR27-009 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 27-035, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Tishomingo Health Center Replacement

The expanding service population far exceeds the existing capabilities of the current facility to provide adequate health services for the Indian population. A new and expanded facility is needed to provide the anticipated health service needs of our Indian community. The selection of the Chickasaw Nation to participate in the IHS Joint Venture Construction program provides the opportunity to generate IHS resources to operate the new facility with the Nation providing the design, construction and equipment funding. The project is to build a new health center facility to replace the existing Tishomingo Health center. The project will be approximately 54,175 square feet and will include expanded ambulatory medical care services, dental services, laboratory services, diagnostic imaging and behavioral services. The new facility will be located on the existing site of the current facility and will be a part of the planned Chickasaw Nation Campus of tribal services. This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Health Center replacement, JVCP, Project Number CNHS-1003 in the amount of $25,944,029.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-035.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-035 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 27-010, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 10 Section 2-1003 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Compensation)

This resolution amends Section 2-1003 of the Chickasaw Code to increase the amount of compensation due to certain members of boards, commissions and authorities from ten dollars ($10.00) per hour to fifteen dollars ($15.00) per hour when the time required to perform the meetings or tasks of such members exceeds four (4) consecutive hours. The amendments also correct inaccurate citations and delete unnecessary language.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR27-010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR27-010 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

Mr. Scott Colbert announced the opening of the Cultural Center was scheduled for July 24. He encouraged tribal members and guests to attend. He concluded his report.

(H) **COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 27-006, Amendments to Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act)

This resolution amends Title 17, Chapter 2, Article A of the Chickasaw Nation Code to address the technical requirements made by the SMART Office, which is the U.S. Department of Justice agency that is responsible for the implementation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-248). The original Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act was enacted on October 19, 2009, and subsequently there have been new requirements with which the Chickasaw Nation must comply. These amendments are essential in order for the Chickasaw Nation to properly register and manage sex offenders, thereby ensuring public safety.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR27-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR27-006 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Easterling introduced the youth Leadership Group and made announcements of the upcoming events.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on Indian Health Service issues.

Ms. Brittney Orr was recognized as a summer intern for the Nation.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

AUGUST 2010 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 27-036

Approval of Partnership with Big Brother Big Sisters of Oklahoma for Purposes of a Native American Mentoring Initiative.

Explanation: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma is a current Native American Mentoring Initiative grant recipient and eligible to receive additional funding upon obtaining resolutions of partnership from two different Oklahoma tribes. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma, effective for three years from August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2013 for the purposes of promoting BBBSOK mentoring services within the Chickasaw Nation.

Methods: The Chickasaw Nation will promote Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma's mentoring services to all Chickasaw citizens/employees. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services will serve as the liaison with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma. These mentoring services will provide Chickasaw and other Native American children with a mentor and adults will be provided a mentee to foster one-on-one relationships.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-037

Utility Easement in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a grant of a right-of-way easement to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (OG&E) for the purpose of constructing and maintaining fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electric current and communication messages. This easement would provide OG&E with the land necessary for this construction. Without this easement OG&E will not have sufficient space for the construction of their electric current and communication fixtures.

Property Location: Division of Arts and Humanities, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

Use: Easement to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-038

Approval of Application for Funding Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance Affordable Care Act (ACA) Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program HHS-2010-ACF-OFA-TH-0134

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for the development of the Affordable Care Act Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program. With the funds from this grant, the Chickasaw Nation is able to further develop and enhance the Chickasaw Nation Chepota Himmita home visitation program, leading to healthy, happy, successful American Indian children and families through a coordinated, high-quality, evidence-based home visiting strategy, and to expand the evidence base around home visiting programs Chickasaw and other American Indian populations. The application requests federal funding in the amount of up to $500,000.00 per year for up to five years.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-039

Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2011

Explanation: This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for Fiscal year 2011 in the amount of $122,000,000.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-040

Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Tax Commission Mr. Frank Johnson, Jr.

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Frank Johnson, Jr., to the Chickasaw Tax Commission. Mr. Johnson will replace Mr. Brian Campbell on the Commission and will serve a term of office ending on September 30, 2013.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-041

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Love County

Exhibit "A"

A tract of land in the North Half (N/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Nine (9) South, Range Two (2) East, Indian Base and Meridian, Love County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the SE/4; Thence N00°03'59"E, along the East line of the SE/4, a distance of 1992.94 Feet to the Southeast corner of the N/2 NE/4 SE/4; Thence N89°44'59"W, along the South line of the N/2 NE/4 SE/4, a distance of 149.91 Feet to the True Point of Beginning; Thence continuing N89°44'59"W, along the South line of the N/2 NE/4 SE/4, a distance of 1173.74 Feet to the Southwest corner thereof; Thence N00°04'29"E, along the West line of the N/2 NE/4 SE/4, a distance of 43.16 Feet; Thence N30°19'55"E a distance of 361.89 Feet; Thence S89°55'27"E a distance of 374.83 Feet; Thence N45°04'33"E a distance of 107.19 Feet to a point common with the South line of a 50.00 Foot Roadway Easement; Thence along the South line of said 50.00 Foot Roadway Easement, with a curve turning to the Left with an arc length of 488.07 Feet, with a radius of 875.00 Feet, with a chord bearing of S73°47'30"E, with a chord length of 481.77 Feet to a point of tangency; Thence S89°46'17"E, along the South line of said 50.00 Foot Roadway Easement, a distance of 83.12 Feet to point common with the Northwest corner of a 0.50 acre tract of land; Thence along the North line of said 0.50 acre tract of land, with a curve turning to the Left with an arc length of 31.47 Feet, with a radius of 20.00 Feet, with a chord bearing of S45°08'51"W, with a chord length of 28.32 Feet; Thence S00°03'59"W, along the West line of said 0.50 acre tract of land, a distance of 98.84 Feet; Thence continuing along the West line of said 0.50 acre tract of land, with a curve turning to the Left with an arc length of 14.27 Feet, with a radius of 20 .00 Feet, with a chord bearing of S20°22'22"E, with a chord length of 13.97 Feet; Thence continuing along the West line of said 0.50 acre tract of land, with a reverse curve turning to the Right with an arc length of 30.33 Feet, with a radius of 45,00 Feet, with a chord bearing of S21°30'19"E, with a chord length of 29.76 Feet; Thence S00°29'24"W, a distance of 121.76 Feet; Thence S00°15'01"W, perpendicular to the South line of the N/2 NE/4 SE/4, a distance of 19.68 Feet to the True Point of Beginning, having an area of 8.74 Acres more or less.

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Abstain: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 27-042

Authorization to Place Real Property in Trust

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Johnston County, Oklahoma. General Resolution 91-115, which originally authorized the acquisition of the real property, did not authorize the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to place the real property into trust. The Bureau of Indian Affairs specifically requests the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation be authorized to request the said tract to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. This resolution satisfies that request.

Property Location: Johnston County

Use: Capitol Reserve

Purpose: Self-determination

Emergency Legislation: This resolution was received after the deadline. However, it is needed immediately.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution Number 27-007

Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Form of Action)

Explanation: This resolution amends the rules of court to ensure that all parties, attorneys and their law firms are subject to Chickasaw law and administrative regulations as enforced in the judicial and administrative forums of the Chickasaw Nation during the litigation of their case.

The amendments are necessary due to a current case involving a non-Indian law firm and the Muskogee Creek Nation's courts and judges. The case may have a global effect not in the best interest of the Chickasaw Nation and it behooves the Chickasaw Nation to prepare in case of that event.

Presented By: Court Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

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the first half of the 19th century.

On the chance that the original flag contained fewer than 24 stars, thus making the 1815 gift possible, Kennedy looked for variations in them but found none. He believed they were applied using some form of printing, stamping or stenciling. The canton "appears to be a finely woven woolen with a cloth count in the 50x50 range, he wrote. The field of six white stripes and seven red stripes appears to be in the range of 20x25 (which probably contributes to why more of the field is missing than the canton).

Aside from Kennedy's visual inspection, he credited Jeff Briley with identifying another factor favoring authenticity. In a book on American flags, he found a photograph of a 24 star eagle canton American flag belonging to the Smithsonian. The canton's content, composition and artwork appeared identical, suggesting that both had been painted by the same artist.

Kennedy concluded that "unless fabric examination shows otherwise, the Colbert flag is an authentic period flag." If so, OHS "is fortunate to have this treasure, since few American flags made before 1840 exist today."

He recommended that the two flags be examined side by side.

Chickasaws and Jackson

There is no doubt that Chickasaws, including some of the Colberts, fought with Gen. Jackson and other American commanders against the Red Stick faction of the Creeks and the British from 1812 through 1814. Mitch Caver discovered in Chris Kimball's "The Forgotten Campaign in the Wake of Jackson," that Major Uriah Blue had a "Chickasaw Detachment."

From the National Archives, Caver obtained and e-mailed to me copies of service cards for 4th Sergeant Tishomingo, Captains George and James Colbert, Major William Colbert, Private William Colbert Jr., and James, Samuel and Thomas Sealy and a certain Private A no tub bee. Hmm. I e-mailed some of these service cards to Gov. Anoatubby, who said that he feels "comfortable that the private is a relative."

In another book, "In Bitterness and in Tears" by Sean Michael O'Brien, the author wrote that the detachment was led by William Colbert. O'Brien also noted that under Blue's command was a battalion of Tennessee riflemen, including a scout named Sgt. David Crockett. In Davy Crockett's own book, "A Narrative of the Life of Davy Crockett," he points out Maj. Blue's detachment went south to fight Creeks while Jackson in 1815 set off for the battle that made him famous.

Caver believes that Levi Colbert and presumably other Chickasaws went with Jackson, but primary documentation placing Chickasaws at the Battle of New Orleans is lacking. Some writers say they were, but with no documentation. Two authoritative sources, authors Arrell Gibson and James Atkinson, who wrote books on Chickasaw history covering this era, are silent on the matter.

But a check of those books shows that the authors covered these war years 1812-1815 very lightly. This suggests a thin vein of pertinent information on Chickasaw contributions in the American documents and records at the National Archives. Yet that doesn't mean that some Chickasaws were not at the 1815 battle. Furthermore, given the absence of citations, neither historian spoke with Colbert descendants to try to obtain relevant oral history information. And, as a frequent researcher at the OHS Indian Archives, Gibson would have been familiar with Ms. Conlan and the fact that she was a Levi Colbert descendant.

So, pending further information either that Levi Colbert participated in the battle or was known to have been somewhere else on January 15, 1815, we are left to wonder about the veracity of Colbert seizing and carrying an American flag as the battle raged around him. Would he or his descendants have made up the story? Why would a fabricated story be perpetuated into the 20th century given the way Jackson ultimately betrayed Colbert's loyalty by forcing the tribe and him to sign the treaty that resulted in Removal? Linger over that word "loyalty," and you may have the best clue to the answer.

The End

Readers may contact Richard Green at Richard.Green@Chickasaw.net or at 405-947-5020.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Beulah Hudgens

Mary Beulah Hudgens died Feb. 23, 2010. Services were May 4 at the Shrine of Remembrance, Colorado Springs. Mass was May 5 at St. Patrick's Church, Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Hudgens was born in 1931 to retired SFC John W. Hogue and Mary Lina Hogue at Corregidor Island, Philippines.

She endured being a POW from 1942 to 1945 along with her brothers and sisters, John Hogue, Jr., Henry Hogue, Shirley Scalise and James Hogue.

She graduated from St. Paul's High School and dental nursing school which led to a civil service career of 20 years starting with Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, the "Presidio" of San Francisco and Air Force Academy Department of Defense Medical Review Board until retirement in 1999, which she enjoyed.

She was the daughter of an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation and was very proud of her Native heritage and instilled that pride in her children.

She was a devout Catholic and often prayed to the Sacred Heart.

She is survived by husband Command Sgt. Maj. Edward L. Hudgens (ret); children, Carol Amerio, of Windsor, Calif., Mary "Ali" Garcia Tejeda, of San Francisco; Frank Kamlan, of Colorado Springs, and James Taylor, of Los Osos, Calif.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many more who all knew and loved her as "Grandma Mary."

She was greatly loved and adored and will be greatly missed. Mahal Kita, Mom

Homer E. Nicholas, Sr.

Homer E. Nicholas Sr., died July 17, 2010 at his home in Verona, Missouri.

An open invitation was given July 20 to visit the family home to remember him. Friends and family from Missouri, Oklahoma and California attended. His ashes were buried at Spring River Cemetery, Verona.

Mr. Nicholas was born Jan. 17, 1942 at Talihina, Okla. He was the seventh and last child of Claude and Pearl Benton Nicholas.

He was the grandson of roll member Ernest Benton. He was very proud to be one-quarter Chickasaw.

He worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. He was hired in California as a ditch rider and worked his way up to mobile power equipment operator.

He retired in 1997 in Socorro N.M. He then moved to Verona, to be near his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Wanda, Maudell Morgan and Ruth Flatt; and a brother James Nicholas.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda; two sons, Dwayne and Homer, Jr.; three daughters, Nicki Mealer, Barbara Nicholas and Rhonda Davis; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, all of Missouri; two sisters, Billie Simmons and Vivian Radanovich, of California.

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Leona Stamps Barron

Leona Stamps Barron, 98, died June 27, 2010. Memorial graveside services were June 30 at Green Hill Cemetery, Davis, Okla., with Pastor Willard McCartney of Midway Hill Baptist Church, Sulphur, Okla., officiating.

Mrs. Barron was born Feb. 17, 1912 at Bromide, Okla., to Brien Author Stamps and Ida Mosely Milligan, Chickasaw Choctaw.

A favorite activity of her early life was the campouts with her father and his brother, Frank. Her father contracted tuberculosis and died in 1922. As a result, life was difficult for her and her family. Her widowed mother was unable to provide for her and her younger sister so her father's family and his brother OJ Stamps (Uncle Doc), a country doctor in the Lawton, Okla., area, and his family helped raise the sisters.

Mrs. Barron and her sister, Essie Mae, attended Bloomfield Academy (later renamed Carter Seminary, of Ardmore, Okla.), a boarding school founded in 1848 for Indian children. Mrs. Barron took great pride in her Chickasaw-Choctaw heritage and was often called on to give classroom presentations which she continued to do into her 90s.

She graduated in 1931 from Murray State College with a degree in education and homemaking. This is where she met her husband, Alford Jake Barron (1912-2002) who also graduated in education, math and history. They married June 1933 in Cache, Okla. This would lead to a 69-year relationship. They both transferred to East Central State College, at Ada, Okla., to continue their educations. They attended school year round and graduated in 1935. Mrs. Barron began her 30-year teaching career at Olive, Okla., teaching homemaking.

The Barrons continued their educations at Oklahoma University during the summers until 1939 to obtain their master's degrees.

In 1942, her husband answered the Nation's call and joined the U.S. Navy for four years, serving in the Pacific as a gunnery officer. Their only child, a son, was born in 1944.

They continued to teach throughout Oklahoma and Texas until they retired. Mrs. Barron's teaching career included teaching elementary, secondary homemaking, and the handicapped. Her students loved her because of her sweet disposition and her care and concern for them.

Retirement did not keep them idle. They worked big gardens and spent many summers canning and preserving food. They moved to Denison, Texas in 1980 helping their son in his business and enjoying their three grandchildren. She loved attending the various activities associated with them. In 1992 they returned to Davis, Okla., to care for his ailing 96-year-old mother. By 1995 she needed help in caring for her husband and they returned to Denison. Supported by her son and his family, she cared for him until his passing in 2002.

She spent many enjoyable hours at the Denison Senior Center playing Bingo, dancing, and listening to live music.

She often traveled with her son and his family. She always looked forward to the family holiday dinners where her handmade rolls were legendary until she had a mild stroke in 2007. No longer able to stay by herself she moved to Brentwood Place nursing facility in Denison. She continued to take part in all activities and have fun. All those around her were amazed at her sweet disposition and that no one could ever remember her saying a mean or cross word.

Her family and grandchildren enjoyed her presence because she was always so happy for anything and everything that was done for her. Indeed, she personified the wonderful woman of Proverbs 31:10-31

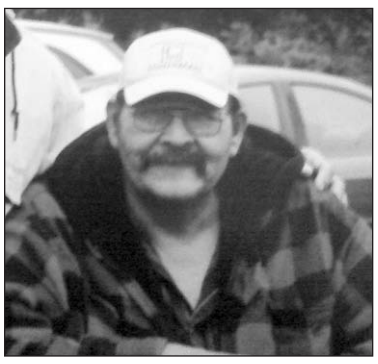
"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blesses; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

She was a model of selflessness, and a blessing to all who knew her.

As a legacy of her love and concern for students and their education, a scholarship fund for beginning future teachers has been established with the Chickasaw Foundation - The Leona Barron Memorial Scholarship. Please consider honoring Leona Barron and encouragin future teachers by assisting the scholarship fund in her name. Donations may be made on-line at www.chickasawfoundation.org or by mailing to The Chickasaw Foundation, P.O. Box 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726.

A special note of thanks is extended to the Chickasaw Nation Health System for the over 40 years of health care provided to her by all the very caring medical personnel from Ada to Tishomingo to Durant. That care, with the blessings of God, and her happy outlook helped make her 98 active years possible.

James Owen Gipson



James Owen Gipson, 64, of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, N.M., originally from Connerville, Okla., died Feb. 14, 2010 after a brief illness but a long courageous battle with diabetes.

A rosary was recited Feb. 15 at the family's home in Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 16 at St. John the Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Ohkay Owingeh Cemetery.

Mr. Gipson worked as a construction worker and he loved working on automobiles. He worked at Duke City Lumber where he retired due to his health. He loved his grandkids dearly. They were the light of his life. When he went to dialysis or to eat at Big Dawgs everyone knew who his grandkids were especially his Dino. Mr. Gipson was a very strong, courageous and compassionate man. He was all about his family and always enjoyed the gatherings because he could talk your ear off. He loved telling stories and being able to strike a conversation with anyone. That is what he did best.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Gipson; his father-in-law, Jerry Garcia; a brother, Leslie Gipson; special aunt, Wanda Wagon; and special uncle, Charlie Carter.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years who never left his side, Ernestina Gipson, of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo; his only son, whom he loved dearly, Chris and wife Melissa Gipson, of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo; grandchildren that he adored and were so precious to him and loved so much, Dino, Abriana, Aiyana and Josalyn Gipson, all of Ohkay Owingeh; his mother, Minnie Gipson, of Oklahoma; sisters, Vonda Factor and companion, Vernon, of Oklahoma, and Barbara Martinez and friend, Donna, of Dallas; a brother, Bill and wife, Amanda Gipson, of Oklahoma; mother-in-law, Luberta Garcia; sister-in-law, Claudina Garcia; brother-in-laws, Anthony Garcia and companion, Sue Chavez, Richard and wife, Norma Garcia, all of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo; special cousin, who was like a brother, Tom and wife, Marvella Hamilton, of Oklahoma; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Bearers were Chris, Dino Gipson, Anthony Garcia, John Hamilton, Vernon, Dominic Apodaca, Joshua Lavato, James, Orlando Martinez, Tom Hamilton with Ron Gipson carrying the cross.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Lela Brown

Services for Lela Brown, 83, Oklahoma City, were July 30 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla., with Rev. Timothy Petty officiating. Burial followed in Steedman Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown died July 26, at an Oklahoma City nursing home. She was born March 30, 1927 at Allen, Okla., to Arthur and Salina Harjo Johnston.

She attended Allen School. She was a homemaker and a member of Jordan Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

She married Joseph Brown, Jr. He preceded her in death Oct. 23, 1997.

She is survived by two sons, Roger Dale Johnson, of Oklahoma City, and Jay Dean Johnson, of Ada; a daughter, Hazel Sue Lawler, of Choctaw, Okla.; a sister, Corene Atkinson, Oklahoma City; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and thre great-great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Roger Johnson, Jr., Lonnie Lawyer, Wayne Johnson, David Johnson, Michael Johnson and Emery Johnson.

Juanita Louise Nail Gregory

Juanita Louise Nail Gregory died Aug. 18, 2010. Services were Aug. 20 at Candlewood Chapel at Ford Funeral Service.

She was born May 29, 1930 at Scipio, Okla., to George and Lena Nail. She was the fifth of six children

Mrs. Gregory was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother and friend.

She loved fishing, bingo, garage sales and always looked forward to the monthly casino trip with her son, Billy, and daughter-in-law, Goldie. She was a member of a bowling league.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Lena Nail; two brothers, Aron, Doyle and Ted Nail; two sisters, Etois (Toy) Emberson and Loucille Saxton.

She is survived by a son, Billy Gregory and wife Goldie, of McLoud, Okla.; a daughter, Janice Hope and husband, James, of Red Oak, Texas; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and her companion, her little dog, Smokey.

She was a true friend to all.

She will be in our hearts and our minds every moment. We love you Mom, Grandma, Great-grandma, and Great-great-grandma!

Mary H. Hickman

Mary H. Hickman, 85, died July 30, 2010 at the Valley Inn at Mancos, Colo. Memorial services were Aug. 6 at First Baptist Church, of Bayfield (CO). Cremation occurred at Hood Mortuary.

Mrs. Hickman was born Oct. 19, 1924 at Tishomingo, Okla., to Henry and Pinkie (Birgie) Hayes.

She grew up in Oklahoma and her family moved many times across the nation in her adolescence.

She raised her family in Denver. She moved back to Oklahoma to care for her elderly parents and then to the Furango/Bayfield area in the mid-1990's.

She married Edward L. Hickman in 2002 at Bayfield.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Bayfield. She loved to travel, having logged numerous trips to Canada while towing an RV. She enjoyed sewing, and having been a child of the depression era, collected and utilized things that most people would dispose of.

Her father was an original enrollee and she was proud of her Chickasaw heritage. She was a devout Christian and had a beautiful soprano singing voice.

She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Hilbert, of Quesnell, British Columbia, Barbara Collier, of San Diego, Nancy Colsman, of Durango, Colo.; a brother, Charles Hayes, of Blythe, Calif.; grandchildren, Mary HIlbert, of Vancouver, British Columbia, J. Collier, of San Diego, Christine Skeet, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Benjamin Colsman, of Bayfield, and Sarah Zick, of Durango; and nine great-grandchildren.

Blanchie "Granny" Hill

Blanchie "Grannie" Hill, 85, of Wewoka, Okla., died Aug. 11, 2010 at St. Francis Hosptial, Tulsa. Services were Aug. 16, 2010 at God's Glory Temple, Seminole, Okla., with Bro. James H. Rider, II officiating and assisted by Nadine McBeth. Burial followed in Abiding Glory (Alexander family) Cemetery, Ragen, Okla.

She was born Dec. 22, 1924 to Joseph Guy and Eula (Greenwood) Alexander at Reagan, Okla.

She attended Reagan Public School. She married Roy McConnell in 1954. She worked 37 years as a relief operator for Big Yank Co, Wewoka.

She was a member of the Chickasaw Nation. She loved to play cards, watch OU football, old western movies and spend time working puzzles and enjoying time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Guy Alexander and Eula Greenwood Alexander; step-father, Moses Wilson; a daughter, Patricia Lee Hill Grissom; a son, Gerald Wesley Hill; and a sister Angie Wiley.

She is survived by her husband of the home; sisters, Molsie Palmer, Nadine McBeth and Wanda Chaffin; four grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; two great--great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Billy Grissom; daughter-in-law, Jeanie Hill; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Scott HIll, Bill Grissom, Jay Hill, Zachary Parker, Harry Claytor and Chris Parker. Honorary palbearers were Winston Hill, Joe Gatewood, Jason Claytor, Gary Don Loving, Tim Gravin and Billy Grissom.

Katrina Ranae Griffin
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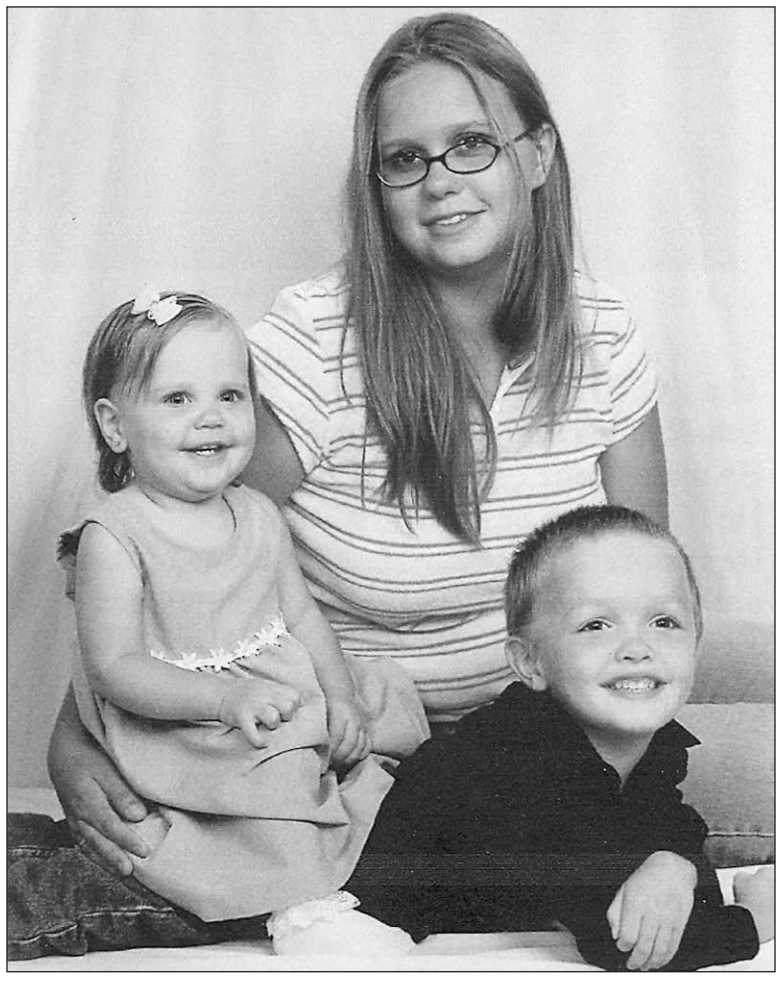


Katrina Ranae Griffin, 24, Christian Joe Griffin, 8, and Chasity Ranae Hammer, 6, died July 23, 2010 at their home in Dibble, Okla.

Services were July 30 at at First Baptist Church, Blanchard, Okla., with Pastor Bruce Schafer officiating.

Ms. Griffin was born Oct. 27, 1985 at Ada, Okla., to Rebecca Jane (Hill) and Johnny Glen Griffin.

Christian was born Jan. 27, 2002 at Chickasha, Okla., to Katrina Griffin and Robert White.

Chasity was born June 20, 2004 at Chickasha, to Katrina Griffin and Michael Ryan Hammer.

As a family Christian thought he was the man of the house always watching after his mom, checking on her, and lending a helping hand. On the other hand he was a typical boy climbing everything, watching WWE Wrestling, basketball, swimming, water skiing and reading. Christian did what he could to make people laugh and to be happy and he loved playing with his dog Lula. He looked forward to being a third grader at Dibble School.

Chasity, like all typical girls, enjoyed aggravating her bother Christian. Like the time she had enough of him and ran and tackled him and knocked him to the ground. He was really surprised. Chasity was mom's little angel, watching her play with lip gloss, prancing and dancing around. Chasity liked swimming, stuffed animals and Hannah Montana. She was always singing and making people laugh. She might have been practicing to be America's next Idol. She was in the first grade at Dibble School.

Ms. Griffin was a loving homemaker and mom. She enjoyed watching movies with her children. They could always be seen sitting, laying or walking together, mom in the middle and one of the kids under each arm, a true threesome, a modern day three musketeers. She graduated from Dibble (OK) High School.

They are survived by Ms. Griffin's mother, Rebecca and her husband, Mike, of Enid, Okla.; her father, Johnny Griffin and his wife, Ginger, of Dibble; a brother, Blake Allen, of Enid; sisters, Erin Allen and Marlee Allen, both of Piedmont, Okla.; grandparents, Don and Marian Griffin, of Dibble, Wilma Stephenson, of Lindsay, Okla.; Loren Herfel, of Chickasha, Okla., Martha Hill, of Dibble, Bobbie and Raymond Wilkins, of Oklahoma City and Ruby McKinney, of Ada.

Christian was also survived by his father, Robert White, of Minco, Okla.; paternal grandparents, Kathy and Robert White, of Minco; paternal great-grandmother, Mildred White, of Pocassett; three brothers of Minco and a sister of Oklahoma City.

Chasity was also survived by her father, Michael Ryan Hammer, of Edmond, Okla.; paternal grandmother, Lesley Hammer, of Oklahoma City; paternal great-grandmother, Suzanne and Lonnie Fitzpatrick, of Edmond, Okla.; paternal great-great-grandfather, M.C. Ethridge, of Oklahoma City; paternal great-great-grandparents, Larry and Verda Enright, of Bethany, Okla.; paternal great-great-great-grandmother, Mary James, of Oklahoma City; and a brother and a sister.

Pallbearers were Dell Winters, Roy Lovett, Jody McCray, Billy Shirey, Pete Register and Troy Eplin.

Katrina, Christian and Chasity were a close and loving family. Each enjoying many things in life.

Contributions on life of J. Wenonnah Gunning sought for blog

Chickasaws and others interested in contributing stories to a blog on the life of J. Wenonah Gunning are invited to contribute.

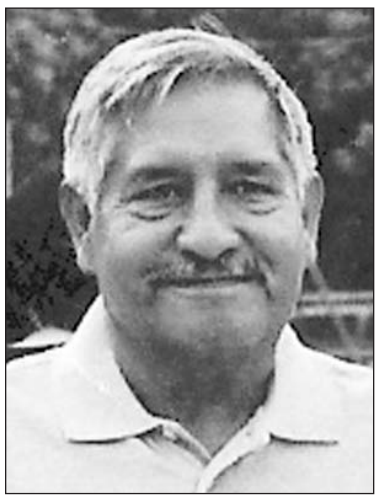
You can reach the blog on the Google browser at blog.wenonahsstories.com

The site has been established by Mrs. Gunning's son, Dr. Robin Gunning.

Mrs. Gunning was a great-granddaughter of Smith Paul. Her father and grandfather were members of the Chickasaw Legislature and her brother Homer was an Oklahoma State Legislator.

Three members of her family, Sam Paul, Haskell Paul and William G. Paul, are in the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Don Carlo Tubbee



Don Carlo Tubbee, 65, died July 22, 2010 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were July 27 at Durwood Missionary Baptist Church, Ardmore with Rev. Albert Simon officiating. Burial followed in Durwood Cemetery.

Mr. Tubbee was born May 29, 1945 to Columbus Tubbee and Effie (Johnson) Tubbee at Durwood, Okla.

He later moved in with his Aunt Lucy Peters to further his education at Durant High School. He attended Haskell College in 1967 for a short time before receiving his call for service in the military. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After he received an honorable discharge he moved to Sherman, Texas and then to Ardmore where he met and married Emaline on June 20, 1975. He worked as a journeyman electrician for Arnie Smith Electric and Pan American Electric.

He was a member of the Durwood Missionary Baptist Church where he served as deacon for many years. He helped serve the Lord's Supper and served in many other positions in the church.

His health forced his early retirement but he enjoyed fishing and was a devoted grandfather. He also enjoyed church singings and devotion to his family brought him his greatest joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Emaline; a son, Anthony Carlo Tubbee; nephews, Harold Taylor, Danny Taylor, Eddie Taylor; a niece, Nina Canoe; a great-niece, Robin Wallace; three sisters, Alice Taylor, Leona Jefferson and Agnes Taylor; brothers-in-law, Joe Thomas, Carter Williams and Alfred Mose.

He is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Nevarez and husband, Gilbert, of Ardmore; three grandsons, Eric Anthony Meely, Christian Shawn Tubbee and Samuel Lee Nevarez; a sister Ida Taylor; brother-in-law, Bobby Thomas and wife, Paula; sister-in-law, Joyce Williams; and many numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lance Taylor, Jordan Thomas, Daryl Taylor, Geno Taylor, Monty Taylor, Ray Marcoe and Michael Ned. Honorary pallbearers were the member of the Durwood Missionary Baptist church.

Condolences can be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Dave Walter

Dave Walter, 66, died July 31, 2010 at Midwest City, Okla. Services were Aug. 5, 2010 at Griffiin-Hillcrest Chapel, Ardmore, Okla., with the Rev. Brice Scott officiating. Interment followed in McAlister Cemetery, Overbrook, Okla.

He was born Nov. 11, 1943 at Konawa, Okla. He was the son of Charley Walter and Wisey Tiger and mother Dora Walter.

He graduated from Konawa High School in 1962 and DeVry Technical School, Chicago, in 1964. He proudly served two years in the U.S. Army and three years in the U.S. National Guard. For 36 years he was employed by Arco Pipeline Company of Ringling, Okla., in the production management field. He later transferred to the Ardmore Arco Pipeline station until his retirement in 1998. After that he made his home in Norman, Okla.

He was happily married to Pat Brokeshoulder Walter for 41 years. He was proud of their three children, Brian, Rainey and Renda. He was proud of his son, Ruben Watan, who serves in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church in Little Axe, Okla. He enjoyed watching his western movies and listening to his gospel records of the Stamps Quartet. He was blessed with a gift for singing and used it to his best ability whenever asked. In honor of his late brother, Johnnie Walter, he gourd danced to be close to him in this manner.

He was preceded in death by his father; mother; a brother, Johnnie Lee; sisters, Phyllis Biglefthand and Wanda Walter-Whitebuffalo.

He is survived by his wife Pat Brokeshoulder Walter, of the home; two sons, Brian Walter and U.S. Army Spc. Reuben Watan; two daughters, Rainey Walter-Colbert and Russell and Renda Walter; two grandchildren, "Twee-Tum" (Ryan) Colbert and "Cho-Chee" (David) Colbert, all of Norman; sisters, Doreen and husband, Mike Watan, of Weatherford, Okla., Linda and husband Herbert Daniels, of Seiling, Okla., Barbara and husband, Barney Sankey, of Canton, Okla.; numerous nieces and nephews; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren that he loved dearly as his own. He held a special place in his heart for his companion "Tanchi" a Pembroke Welch Corgi. He touched the lives of many and shall never be forgotten for his strength and compassion.

Pallbearers were Ryan Colbert, David Colbert, Wayne Hershel, Brian Walter, Russell Colbert and Terry Battise. Honorary pallbearers were Reuben Watan, Marshall Lumpmouth, Rodney Jones and Johnson Blackowl.

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Ruby Jane Scott

Ruby Jane Scott died July 29, 2010 at an Oklahoma City hospital. Services were July 3 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ada, Okla., with Revs. Jimmy Anderson and Emerson Falls officiating. Burial followed in Rosedale Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 20, 1939 to Reuben and Lora Belle Alexander Anderson at Connerville, Okla.

She graduated from the Haskell Institute and attended East Central University. She retired from Solo Cup Company after 30 years and later worked at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizens Center. She was a member of Sandy Hill Baptist Church, served as secretary for the Chi-Ka-Sha Baptist Association and an original member of the Native Praise Women's Choir, singing for 11 years. She currently served on the Board of Directors of the Native American Link Ministries. Mrs. Scott was a cook at the The Dragon Chinese Restaurant, Dutch Robbins Grocery and many years at Falls Creek.

She married Chester Lee Scott in May 1961. He preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2003.

She is survived by two sons, Tim Scott and wife, Rhonda, of Ada, and Bryce Scott and wife, Cindy, of Moore, Okla; seven grandchildren, Dawnelle Scott Lane Scott, Blake Scott, T.J. Scott, Caleb Scott, Rachel Scott and Andrew Scott; a sister, Elizabeth Williams, of Ada; a brother, Leon Columbus, of Oklahoma City; three sisters-in-law, Samarian Herndon, of Shawnee, Okla., Harriette Tiger, of Eufaula, Okla.; Regina Scott, of Nebraska; and a special friend, Merry Monroe, of Ada.

Bearers are Lloyd Parnacher, Jesse Hernandez, John Mark Scott, Johnny Scott, Juhree Greenwood and Buster Greenwood. Honorary bearers were the Native Praise Women's Choir.

Note of thanks

The family of Ruby Scott extends our heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Unity North Hospital in Shawnee, Okla., OU Medical Center, Oklahoma City, Chickasaw Nation, Criswell Funeral Home and each of the many that assisted during the loss of our mother and grandmother. May the Lord bless each of you for sending the cards, flowers and for all of the kind words shared during this time. Our mother and grandmother loved living a life for the Lord. We miss her tremendously; however we are comforted with the words of the apostle Paul, "...and so shall we ever be with the Lord". 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Angeline Collins Davis-Nave

Angeline Collins Davis-Nave, 76, died Aug. 1, 2010 at her home in Springfield, Ore.

Mrs. Nave was born in 1934 at Coalgate, Okla. She was the daughter of Gerald Geronimo Collins and the great-granddaughter of Lee Collins, an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was the mother of the first triplets born at the McKenzie Willamette Hospital, Springfield.

Always a great beauty, she was the first Miss Emerald Empire Round-up, a Miss Springfield and the Snowball Queen at Springfield High School when Ken Kesey was Snowball King.

She married and remarried Robert Nave and was also married to Robert Davis, executive assistant to Oregon Governor Tom McCall, and head of the Republican Party of Oregon.

She lived 12 years in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and owned a bar there called "Angie's." Some of her happiest times were spent in Hawaii.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Collins Davis.

She is survived by her children, Kimberly Collins Marcucci, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Scot Collins Davis, of Springfield; her husband, Robert Nave; sisters, LaVerne Kilborn and Neatha Stynes, of Taos, N.M.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Her dear friend Shari Hiatt was a great source of comfort and fun for her and was present at her death.

She was a great and loyal friend and loving and caring mother.

She was proud to be a member of the great Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. Absolutely everyone knew and loved her!

2010 ANNUAL MEETING AND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday Sept. 25th	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Dornick Hills Golf Course/Ardmore
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Dornick Hills Golf Course/Ardmore
"	9:00 AM	Traditional Corn Stalk Shoot	Kullihoma Softball Fields
Saturday Sept. 25	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	Tish H.S. Football Field
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/J.C. Sports Comples
"	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	Tish H.S. Football Field
Saturday Sept. 25th	10 AM to 2 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olmpics	Pennington Park
Sept. 25th	10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Margaret Roach Wheeler & Mike Larsen Art Exhibits	CCC Exhibit Hall
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Margaret Roach Wheeler & Mike Larsen Art Exhibits	CCC Exhibit Hall
Monday Sept. 27th	4 PM-8 PM	Cultural Evening	Cutlural Center/Sulphur
Tuesday Sept. 28th	9 AM to 3 PM	Cultural School Tours	
thru	"	Tours of Tishomingo Museums, Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds and West Side
Friday Oct. 1	"	Youthful Celebration, Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park
Tuesday Sept. 28th	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Thursday Sept. 30	6:00 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	MSC Ballroom
"	Immed. Following	Artists Reception/Book Signing	MSC Ballroom
Friday Oct. 1st	8:00 PM- Until Finish	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
	9:00 AM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
Saturday Oct. 2nd	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC/Student Center
	9:00 AM	State of the Nation Address	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	Tishomingo/J.C. Sports Complex
	11:00 AM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM	Chickasaw Traditional Meal	MSC Lawn
	11:30 AM	Health Fair	MSC Lawn
	11:30 AM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	11:30 AM to 5:30 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM to 5:30 PM	Stickball demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM-5:30 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Grounds West Side
	12:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration and Tournament Begin	Pennington Park
	12:00 PM-4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	9:00 AM-5:30 PM	Arts and Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors	Pennington Park
	2:00 PM-5:00 PM	Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School
	2:00 PM-5:30 PM	Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds West Side
	8:00 PM-Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
	1:00 PM-6:00 PM	**Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)**	**Sulphur**
	1:00 PM-6:00 PM	Tours of the Chickasha Poya Exhibit Center	CCC Exhibit Center
	" "	Portraits of the Elders by Mike Larsen	CCC Aatifama Room
	" "	Mahota Woven Art/Designs by Margaret Roach Wheeler	" "
	" "	Restaurant Service	CCC Aampa' Café
	" "	Aaholitopli Honor Garden Tours	CCC Honor Garden
	" "	Tours of the Chikasha Inchokka' Village	CCC Traditional Village
	" "	Tours of the Holisso Research Center	CCC Holisso Center
	1:30 PM, 3:30 PM & 4:00 PM	Pearl, Behind the Scenes & Pearl	CCC Anoli Theatre
	2:15 PM, 3:15 PM, 4:15 PM	Storytelling	CCC Kochcha' Aabiniili'Amphitheatre

MSC = Murray State College • JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex • THS= Tishomingo High School

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